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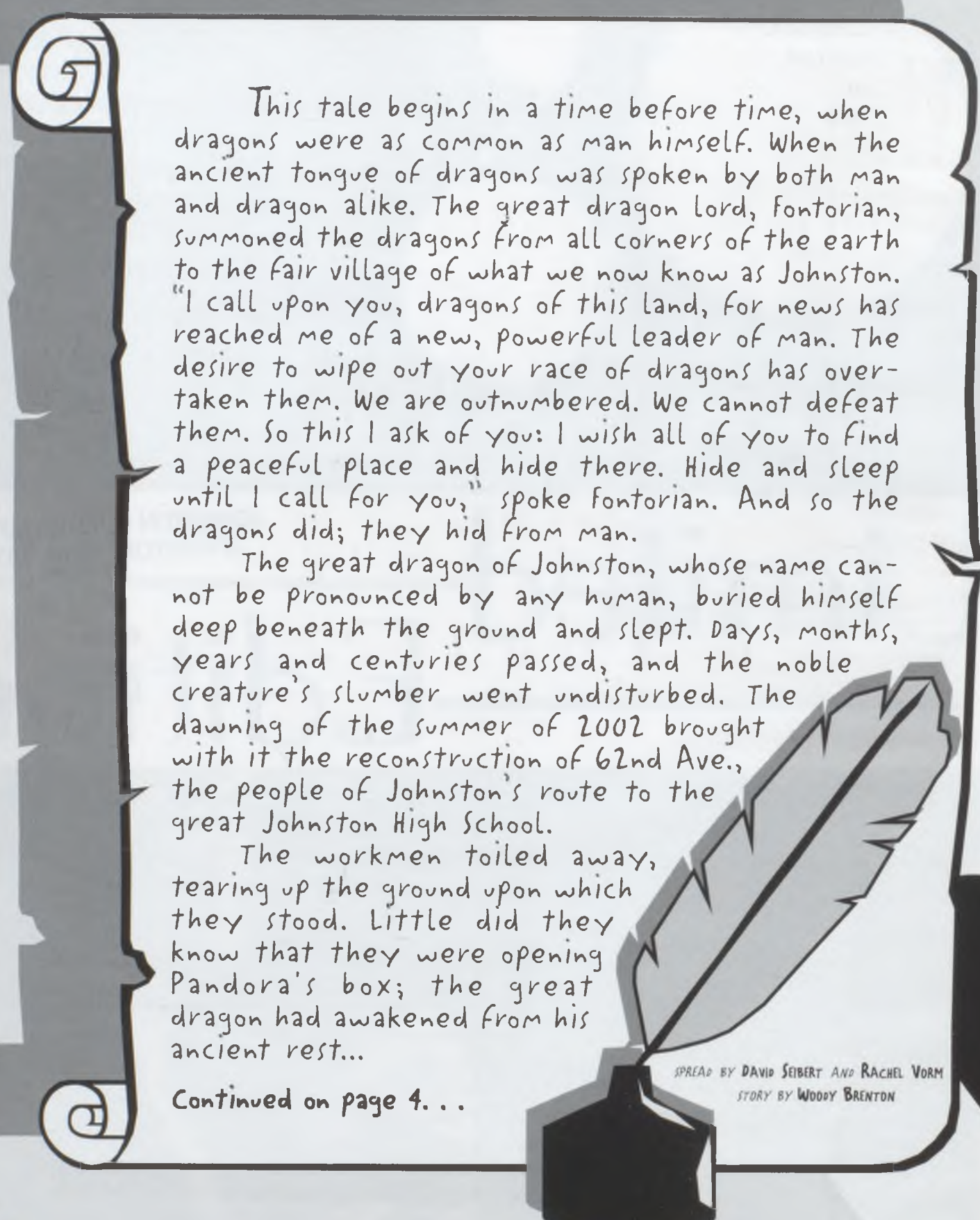


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In a demonstration of his incredible power of super-persuasiveness, former Superman Christopher Reeve gives a speech about stem cell research. The speech was given at a Democratic rally for Tom Harkin, who was running for Senator at the time. Clearly his ploy worked, as Harkin was indeed victorious in the following election. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



This tale begins in a time before time, when dragons were as common as man himself. When the ancient tongue of dragons was spoken by both man and dragon alike. The great dragon lord, Fontorian, summoned the dragons from all corners of the earth to the fair village of what we now know as Johnston. "I call upon you, dragons of this land, for news has reached me of a new, powerful leader of man. The desire to wipe out your race of dragons has overtaken them. We are outnumbered. We cannot defeat them. So this I ask of you: I wish all of you to find a peaceful place and hide there. Hide and sleep until I call for you," spoke Fontorian. And so the dragons did; they hid from man.

The great dragon of Johnston, whose name cannot be pronounced by any human, buried himself deep beneath the ground and slept. Days, months, years and centuries passed, and the noble creature's slumber went undisturbed. The dawning of the summer of 2002 brought with it the reconstruction of 62nd Ave., the people of Johnston's route to the great Johnston High School.

The workmen toiled away, tearing up the ground upon which they stood. Little did they know that they were opening Pandora's box; the great dragon had awakened from his ancient rest...

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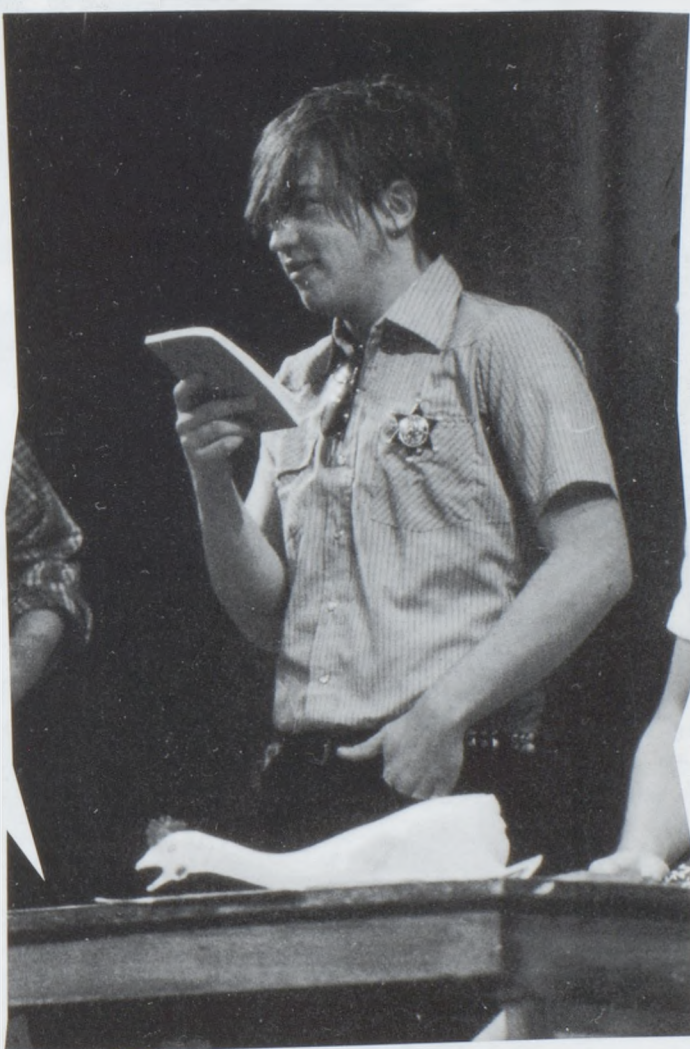
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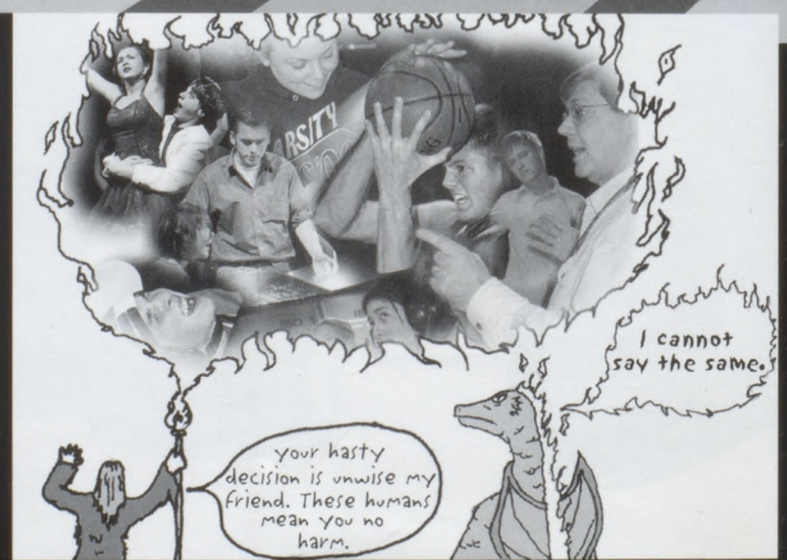
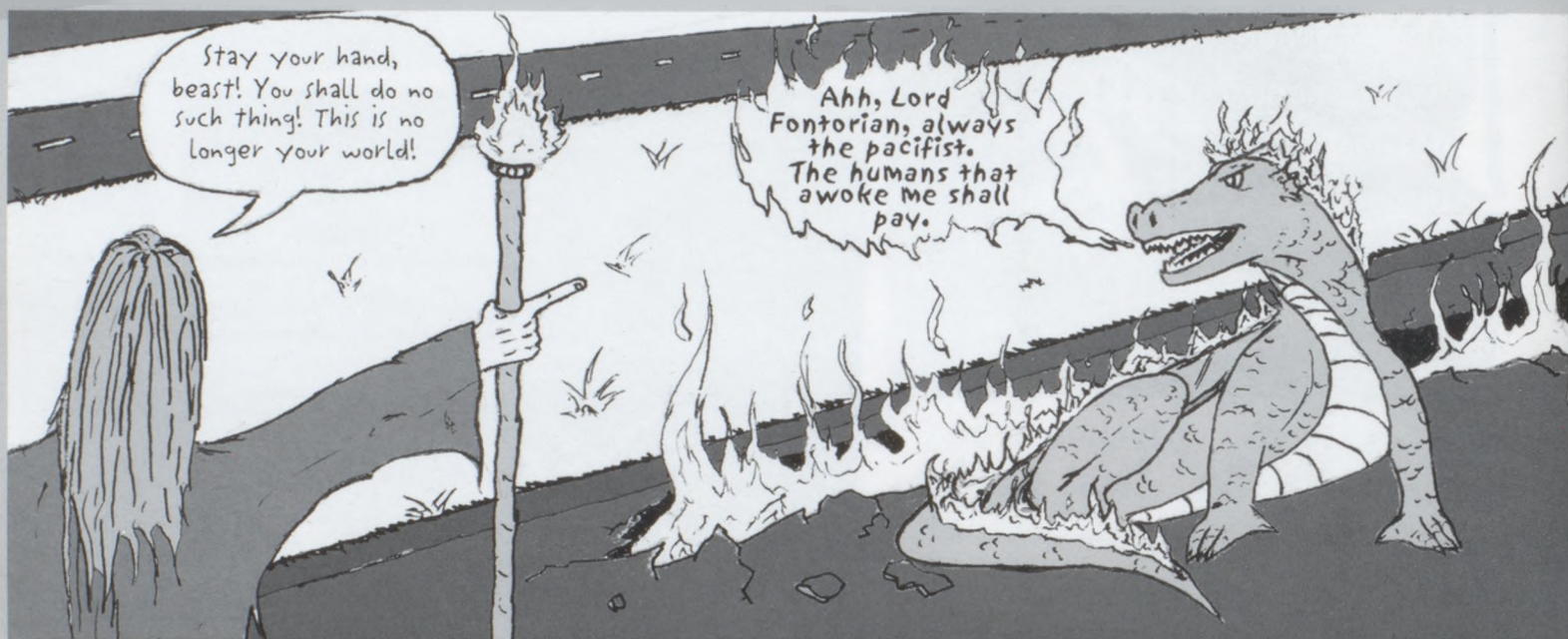
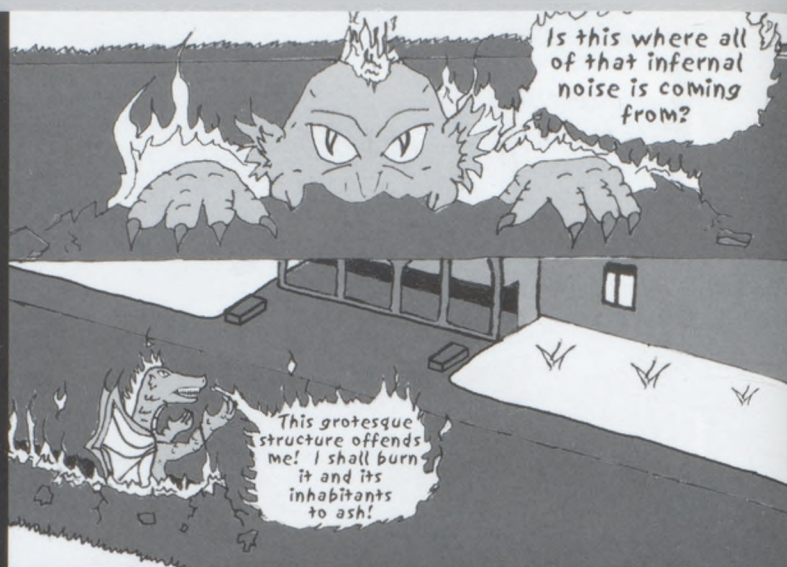
Giving his deck a proper shuffle, junior Brendan Rutherford assures his opponent that no sleight-of-hand is present.

Rutherford and his cohorts gathered every wednesday after school to play Yu-Gi-Oh! in the student commons. Yu-Gi-Oh! was the latest fad-craze from Japan, similar to its predecessor, the hilariously popular Pokémon. photo by Rachel Vorm

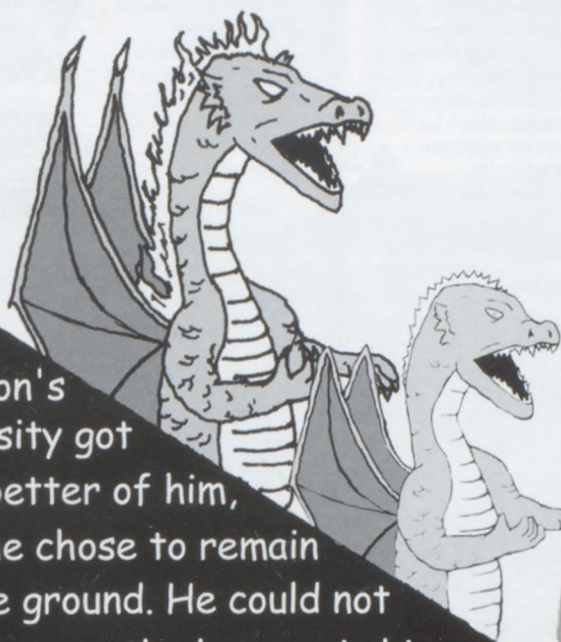
Putting on an act, actor and junior Nash Wiley dazzles the audience with his performance as a sherriff in the drama class play, A Murder

Most Fowl. Unbeknownst to the audience, Wiley hadn't even memorized all of his lines for this performance! Conveniently, his role as the town sherriff called for the use of a notepad, upon which he was able to write his lines. photo by Giedre Miniotaite





The Dragon's curiosity got the better of him, and he chose to remain above ground. He could not walk among the humans in his natural state, so Fontorian bestowed upon him a pair of enchanted shoes. By simply clicking his heels together, he would become a human...he would become...Jeff Johnson.



Fontorian then gave The Dragon two choices: Re-submerge himself into the ground and go back to sleep... or stay awake and observe the new world he had arrived in....



Jeff Johnson

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COM

Pretending to be astronauts, freshman Lia Yoon and junior Laura Copeland take direction from senior Sam Ites during the filming of a commercial for the Science Center of Iowa. Ites' video class at Central Campus gave him the chance to make the commercial. Read more about it on page 20... photo by Aaron Holmgren

Months



June

1 A baby boy was found dead by a worker at the Harold Rowley Recycling Center, near Storm Lake, IA. The infant was reportedly born 24-48 hours prior to its being discovered in the center's garbage shredder.

June

9 Junior Jeremiah Brown died at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center, due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident on NW Beaver Ave. in Johnston. Brown's funeral services were held at Johnston Middle School.

June

12 In Manila, in the Philippines, Muslim militants held three American missionary tourists hostage. One of the missionaries, Martin Sobero, was beheaded by the militants as a gift to the nation on its Independence Day.

June

19 A 12-year-old Sudanese boy by the name of Maaz Ahmed drowned while swimming at Gray's Lake in Des Moines. Ahmed was buried at Glendale Cemetery, also in Des Moines, after he was found.



Melissa Larson, senior, bags goods while waiting for a customer to write a check. Larson worked at a local Hy-Vee, over the summer to get ahold of some extra cash. Larson saved the money she earned for a laptop to use in college. photo by D. Collington.



Summer

Students give up the majority of their intellectual pursuits and concentrate instead on finding happiness, be it in monetary rewards or simple play. Some look forward to starting again the lofty quest for knowledge, but others, perhaps most, dread going back to school.

Spread by Rachel Vorn & Cyrus Andrews

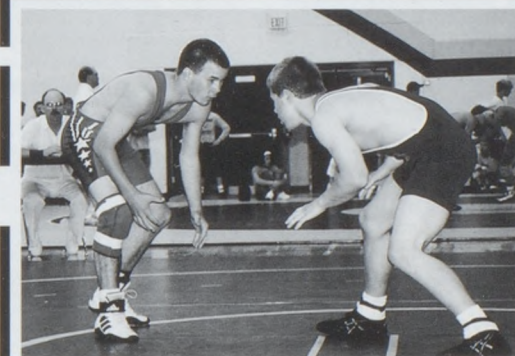
Having grown tired of contemplating the mysteries presented by the existence of Stonehenge, sophomore Cole Brackney reaches to catch a frisbee. Brackney traveled to England over the summer with his church youth group. He said, "Stonehenge was pretty boring to just look at, so my friends and I decided to toss around a frisbee. Then some lady told us we had to stop." photo by Cyrus Andrews.

Summer



Graceful junior Joshua Fredregill finishes off his backflip into an enormous pile of sand. "The summer was freakishly boring, so one day I decided it would be boss to jump into a pile of sand," said Fredregill. Soon after landing, Fredregill and his friends were evicted for trespassing. photo by Cyrus Andrews

Dressed in her two-piece swimming suit and ready to work, senior Hailey Cahill sprays down a dirty car with a water-hose. Cahill and other cheerleaders charged \$5 for their washing services, which helped raise money for the girls' varsity cheerleading team. photo by A. Holmgren.



Trusting his well-being to complete strangers, senior Kyle Sullivan makes his way across the hands of the crowd at LazerFest, a hard rock festival. Sullivan said he was only dropped twice while on top of the crowd, and that when he was dropped, it hurt a lot. photo by Matthew Putney.

Wrestling in the Freestyle State Tournament, senior James Rhoads contemplates how to best put down his opponent, a 135-pounder from Ames. Even though Rhoads was the one who was taken down in the dual, he was still able to gain experience from his loss. photo by Aaron Holmgren

June 30 At the Shanghai Zoo located in Eastern China, panda bears started begging for drinks from passing tourists. Reporters said this was because of the massive heat wave that scorched several parts of China.

July 1 Leonard Gregg, 29, of Payson, Arizona, was charged with the starting of two large forest fires, which burnt 450,000 acres of forest land. Gregg, a reserve fire-fighter stated that he started the fires because he was "bored."

July 31 At the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel seven students were killed in a bomb blast that was set off in the school's cafeteria. Israeli officials said an anti-Jewish movement was responsible for the deaths.

August 5 55 pilot whales beached themselves on a section of Cape Cod, in Massachusetts. Rescuers pushed many of the whales back into the water, but apparently all 55 were dead set on beaching themselves. All were later found dead.

September

7 East High School ended Dowling High School's 26-game winning streak in football with a final score of 38-21. East had not beat Dowling since 1989 and was the first in Des Moines to triumph over Dowling since 1993.

September

11 This day was the first anniversary of the attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City. Events took place all across the United States in memory of those who lost their lives. Des Moines held a special event at Sec Taylor Stadium.

September

12 Health officials confirmed that organs donated to four patients were contaminated with the West Nile Virus. This was the first documentation of the virus spreading this way, it is usually spread by mosquitos.

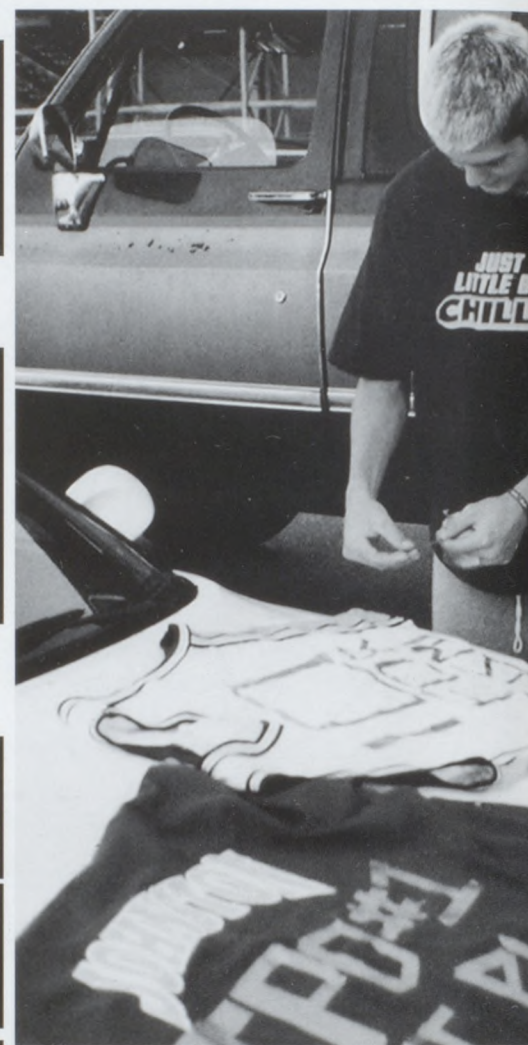
September

20 President Bush proposed a resolution asking Congress for authority to take action against Iraq. The resolution would allow Bush to enforce the U.N. Security Council resolutions previously ignored by President Saddam Hussein.



Arms linked, seniors Shelbi Haller and Sam Ites (as moose) work at the Iowa Women's Health Expo at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Haller worked for Blue Bunny Ice Cream and Ites for the hotel chain Stoney Creek Inn. "I always thought it would be cool to be a moose for a day. Working at Stoney Creek Inn finally gave me that chance," said Ites. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

After school senior Cyrus Andrews places stickers on the cover of the 2001-2002 yearbooks. Andrews was on the yearbook staff and involved with many things such as layouts and editing. Andrews was on staff for three years. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Finalizing his shirt, junior Jimmy Binnie finishes taping the last letter onto his jersey to support starting quarterback, junior Derek Retherford, for the homecoming football game. Binnie and friends made another jersey that read, "JPD #1," in celebration of their Rock Around the Clock team winning first place in the games. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

September

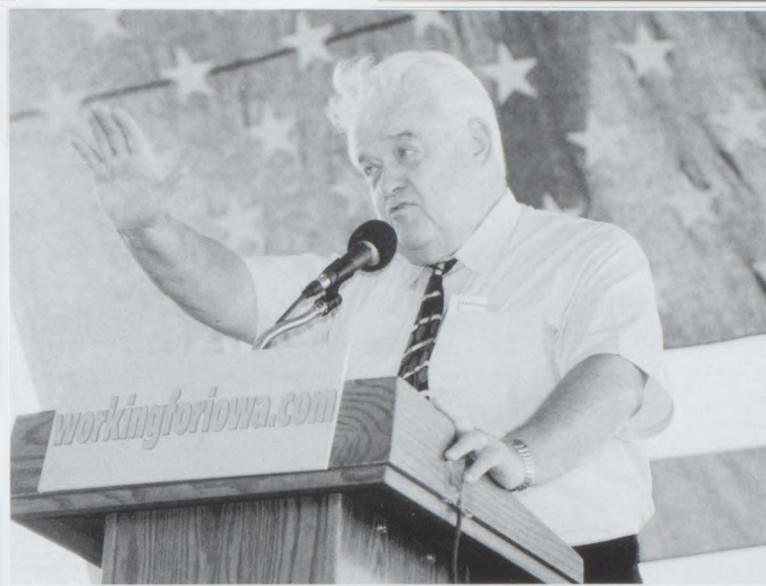
Busily, everyone prepares for upcoming events. Politicians get ready for upcoming November elections. Team tailgate feasts on grilled goods during the football season. The tennis courts get a make-over for the spring season and the city anxiously awaits the expansion from the construction.

Spread by Jennifer Herrmann & Jenna Stone



September

Democratic Congressman Leonard Boswell voices his opinions at Tom Harkin's annual Steak Fry. Hundreds of Iowans attended the event held on Sept. 22. The event was held in celebration of Senator Harkin's achievements and to prepare for the next election. photo by Matt Putney



The American flag, at Sec Taylor Stadium, waves in the air. The event "Standing Tall" was held on Sept. 11 to remember the events of the year before. The ceremony began with a parade at the state house and ended with fireworks at the stadium. photo by Matthew Putney.



A Baker Electric employee works on a stop light going up on 62nd Ave. The construction was in front of the high school and middle school. This was the third phase of construction on 62nd Ave. and was completed in October. photo by Matt Putney

New and Improved

The tennis courts were due for a resurfacing before spring. The project started on Sept. 20 and was completed by the 24. Tennis Services of Iowa put them in.



photo by Matt Campbell



Geoff
Tayner '03

"The new courts have more traction. Their appearance is also a lot nicer than it was before. I think that more people will want to come out and play now that we have the cracks fixed."



Nina Lu
'04

"They've completely redone them (the courts) so there aren't any more cracks. With the old court you could hit the ball and it would bounce on one of the cracks and just like go crazy."

21 September A woman caught on surveillance tape, beating her four-year-old child in a parking lot, turned herself in to authorities. Madelyne Toogood was charged with battery of a child and faced a penalty of three years in prison.

22-23 September The National Council on Youth Leadership held a two-day Youth Salute with over 200 Des Moines area students attending. This was the 10th annual salute and it was organized by Kitty Olsen. The event was held at Drake.

26 September Tropical storm Isidore soaked Alabama coasts with six inches of rain. The storm's forecasters warned Isidore could bring as much as 20 inches of rain, and had reached Gulf beach areas Tuesday the 24.

27 September Second Ave. and Third St. bridges closed to traffic. They were scheduled to remain closed until the new bridges were completed in June 2003. The new bridges were part of the rebuilding of I-235.

October 2 Breast cancer researcher David Thomas said the value of self-examination should not be overestimated. A study of over 260,000 women in Shanghai found that self-examination did not always detect early tumors.

October 4 Federal officials broke up a terrorist group operating in Portland, Oregon, arresting four Americans and initiating a hunt for two other people believed to be involved, a US citizen and a resident from Jordan.

October 7 Polk County Attorney John Sarcone announced that no criminal charges would be filed in the case against the former Tom Harkin aide who audio-taped a campaign meeting of rival Senate candidate Greg Ganske.

October 8 Children at Oak Park Elementary School, in Des Moines, uncovered over 50 metal shards buried around the playground. Crews later found twenty more. The shards' origin was unknown; no suspects were identified.

With the help of his canine friend, a Johnston resident fills senior Phil Wong's sack with canned goods. "Trick or Treat for Canned Goods" was organized by student council to collect donations for the food pantry, transforming a holiday known for shameless gluttony and painful cavities into a day of giving and loving. photo by David Seibert

In the Flesh

In October, seniors were visited by politicians Greg Ganske, Stan Thompson and Leonard Boswell. Here's what they thought.

GANSKE

"Greg Ganske was terrible. I didn't feel like asking him a question because I knew he wouldn't answer it anyway. He definitely put down his opponent (Harkin) way too much.

-Michael Carnes



THOMPSON

"Stan Thompson seemed to have a more genuine personality than the other candidates. I thought he answered our questions more thoroughly, too.

-Robert Seaberg



BOSWELL

"Boswell was a great storyteller. He was kind of a grandpa figure to me. He has a lot of war experience, and I think that might be useful in politics these days.

-Brett Scott



October

The leaves fall, the pumpkins are carved and October is upon us once again. Haunted houses and Halloween parties are frequented, all leading up to beggars' night, which for some means the indulgence of confectionary excess, while for others an opportunity to let their evil side be known.

Spread by David Seibert



October



Just before heading out on their lifesaving run, seniors Rachel Mullen, Christine Baker, Jennifer Herrmann and Katie Gannon help themselves to dinner rolls, muffins and other delicious pastries at the Race for the Cure. Despite its title, some students didn't race at all; instead they fell into a strolling meander, each contributing to the cause at his or her own pace. *photo by Phil Wong*



Senior Nick Stanbrough smooths the concrete of a brand new shed being built next to the softball fields by the construction tech class. The class was out bright and early every morning building it. *photo by Matthew Putney*

All the unknowns and suspicions of weeks past come to a end as junior Bryce Augustine finds himself placed among the members of the concert band trumpeters. The posting of the placement list brought out the dramatic side of the band members; crying and shouting were common reactions to crushed dreams. *photo by D. Seibert*

October 11 Congress voted to give President Bush the broad powers he sought to use U.S. military forces to confront Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. The resolution passed in the Senate by a 77-23 vote, and the House by 296-133.

October 23 The Biotechnology Industry Organization agreed not to grow corn engineered for pharmaceutical or industrial uses. The policy was for Iowa and other Midwest states where grain was widely grown for food and animal feed.

October 24 A tense manhunt came to an end when a former soldier and a teenager were arrested, both suspects in a series of sniper attacks. Tests proved that a rifle found with them was the weapon in 11 of the shootings the D.C. area.

October 25 Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota along with his wife, daughter and five other people. The plane went down eleven days before the election, at about 10 a.m. in freezing rain.

November 3 First Lady Laura Bush made a trip to central Iowa for a Republican rally. The rally was held at Waukee High School, where each Republican candidate received the opportunity to speak.

November 8 The United Nations Security Council proposed an Iraq resolution. With a vote of 15-0, they adopted a measure calling for Iraq to disarm, or else Saddam Hussein would face "serious consequences."

November 9 In the central and southeast U.S., a series of 70 tornados flew through. They destroyed homes from Mississippi to Pennsylvania and killed 36 people. The highest death rate in a state was 17, in Tennessee.

November 11 Journalism Adviser Leslie Shipp gave birth to her first son, Tate William Larsen, at 11:32 a.m. He was born at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

Learning the Ropes

Mountain climber Brian Block was a guest speaker for English teacher Phylis Caswell and physical education teacher Dave Beason's classes on Nov. 20. He taught students about mountain climbing and climbing gear. He planned to leave his Johnston home to climb Mt. Everest the last week of May.



Ashley Sullivan '05

"I think that he is crazy for climbing Mt. Everest. I would never attempt anything like that. It is pretty dumb to spend a whole lot of money to climb a mountain where you could possibly die."



Amanda Baxter '04

"I think it's really cool that these guys from Iowa are going to attempt such a big task. I hope they make it to the summit, because it will give us a lot of good publicity."

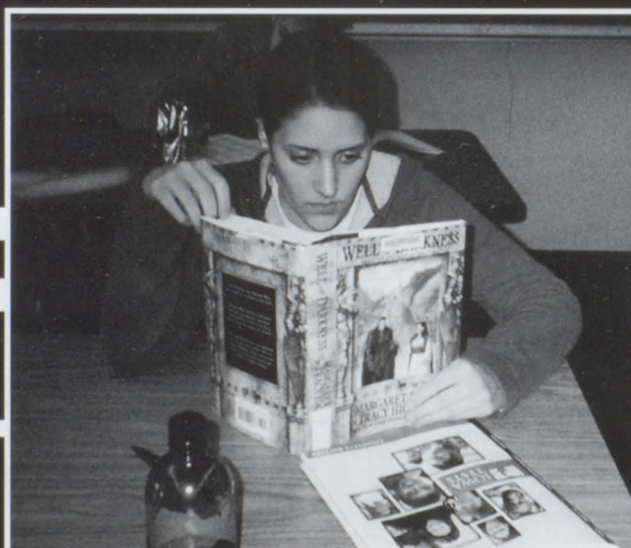


Tyler Swett '05

"I had to get dressed up in a mountain climbing suit. They made me put on a 60-pound backpack and walk around the gym. It was really hot and hard to hear with all the gear on."



Dented and damaged, bus number six and the Ford Taurus that the bus struck sit on the shoulder of NW 62nd Avenue. According to the police report, a small plastic bottle rolled under the gas pedal and prevented the bus from halting at an upcoming construction site. No students were on board. photo by Sheena Wendel



Her circles well-marked, junior Laura Oviatt cracks open her free reading book. ITED's were on Nov. 5-6. Oviatt enjoyed free reading after she completed her testing. She said, "I think ITED's are boring, but I like knowing where I stand and having my progress measured throughout high school." photo by Rachel Vorm

November

November springs onto the scene with the senatorial and gubernatorial elections and moves on with ITEDs, field trips and social events. The month continues with families gathering and holding their Thanksgiving feasts during the students' four-day weekend.

spread by Sheena Wendel and Danielle Collignon



November

Scanning over the ballot, senior Brian Schafer contemplates which candidates he should give his support to in the election. Schafer voted for his chosen senate and governor candidates on Nov. 5 at Horizon Elementary School. All polls were open from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Schafer had voted once before in the 2000 election. *photo by Sheena Wendel*



Holding the biggest turkey she could find, sophomore Hallie Beckfield selects a bird for her family's Thanksgiving feast. Beckfield spent Thanksgiving Day with her family. Beckfield said, "The day after Thanksgiving was more interesting than the day with my family. A friend and I went to visit some other friends in Washington, Iowa. We got ourselves into a little trouble. We had to make the trip shorter than we had planned." *photo by Collignon*



Junior Katie Hlavka visits the concession stand before entering the theater to see *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*®. Hlavka attended the movie with juniors Ashley Weaver and Liz Wong. The movie was released on Nov. 15 and the group went to a private screening the following day. They received an invitation to the screening when Weaver won free tickets from radio station Star 102.5®. *photo by Sheena Wendel*

November 13 The House of Representatives voted to create a Homeland Security Department, which assisted with President George Bush's goal of making the government more responsive to terrorist threats.

November 14 Democrat Nancy Pelosi made history and took a monumental step for womankind in being the first woman ever to be elected to be the Democratic minority leader in the House of Representatives.

November 16 An estimated 2,000 Iowans stormed onto the football field and tore down a University of Iowa goal post after the Iowa Hawkeyes beat the Minnesota Gophers 45-21. Three arrests were made.

November 23 The National Security Task Force recommended a plan to Bush which would force Saudi Arabia to crack down on Saudi Arabia's terrorist financiers. The force hoped it would prevent terrorist attacks.

December

3 Paul Hewson, a.k.a. Bono, lead singer of U2, spoke at Drake University's Knapp Center, along with former pro basketball player Magic Johnson, about the need for increased AIDS awareness in Africa.

December

4 Seventeen year-olds Alan Ward-Well and Anthony Ortiz of Des Moines were caught trying to sell 100 stolen lottery tickets. The boys were planning to buy methamphetamine, an addictive drug, with the profits.

December

7 In Dhaka, Bangladesh, 15 people were killed and 200 were injured in a massive bombing. The bombs ripped through four movie theaters during a celebration marking the end of Ramadan, an Islamic holy period.

December

8 Thirty-two-year-old Robert Wards was found after a week of solitude in his car due to a spill into a ditch. Wards was frostbitten and living on melted snow, peanut butter and hot sauce. He was found in Charleston, West Virginia.

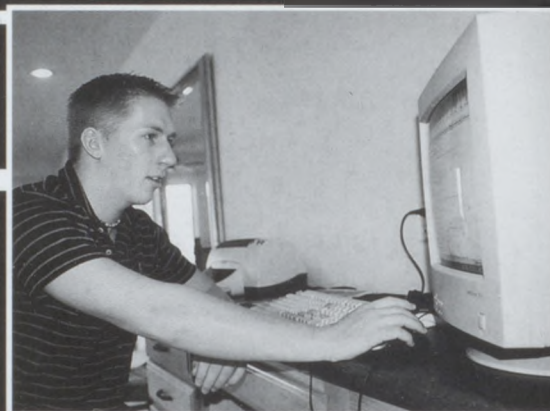


PRE-BREAK STRESS

Just before winter break, teachers allegedly pile on a great deal of work. These two students agreed on that point, but dealt with the work in different ways. *photo illustrations by Cyrus Andrews*

"That week was bad. I had a test in history, a project due in English and a ton of homework. I remember falling asleep in class and failing quizzes, I was so stressed."

"I had a lot due that week, but I wasn't especially stressed. I got my government portfolio done a week early and I finished up my ten pages of (English) journals early too. The only thing I had to really worry about was a government test and a little homework."



December

Neverminding the absence of snow and looming war with Iraq, students keep their noses to the grindstone, looking up only to imagine their winter break. The blessed two weeks of relaxation come just before the end of the year, and everyone relishes in the freedom.

spread by Cyrus Andrews & Rachel Vorn

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1 Sophomore Amanda Rhoads unabashedly holds up her new underwear for all to see. Rhoads celebrated her Dec. 9 birthday by having a party, inviting friends to give her gifts. *photo by Rachel V.*

2 Going against the grain, junior Andrea Whitaker knits. Whitaker said, "I like to knit because it's going against society in the sense that not only old people can knit, but young ones can too." *photo by Rachel V.*

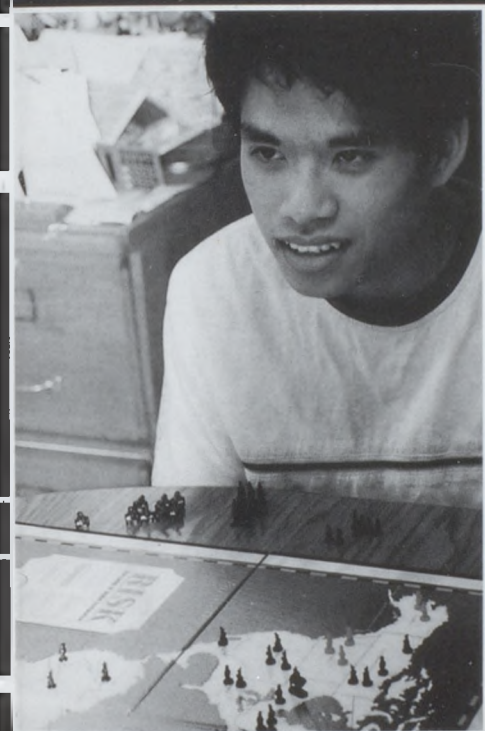
3 Gazing across the board, freshman Ton Khunsaen waits and forms a stratagem for his next move, hoping eventually to dominate the world, as he is playing Risk®. Khunsaen played against fellow freshman Nathan Vorm. *photo by Rachel V.*

4 Bored senior Tyler Stanley waits for the Iowa State University web page to load. Stanley used some of the free-time winter break allowed to apply to college. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

5 Freshman Brett Turner is lifted up in celebration after scoring a touchdown in a pick-up game of football. Turner played with a group of Johnston alumni back in town during winter break. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

6 Focused junior Nash Wiley beats his drums while band and classmate Woody Brenton works the board in the foreground. The pair's band, Walking in Memphis, opened a show at the Fallout Shelter on Dec. 28. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

7 Eyeing her handiwork, junior Becca Smith finishes decorating. Every year, Smith and her family decorated pine trees around their home and cul-de-sac in celebration of Christ's birth. *photo by Rachel V.*



December 12 Eleven Hoover students were taken to jail after participating in a racially-motivated fight. The fight took place in a parking lot across from Hoover. Weapons were used; one student was slashed with scissors.

December 17 The first prison inmate ever to receive a heart transplant died after his body rejected the organ 11 months after the surgery. The man was a prisoner in Sacramento, CA. He was 32-years-old.

December 29 Saudi Arabia privately assured the United States of their support should war break out with Iraq. The Saudi government said it would allow American air missions to be launched from Saudi bases.

December 31 Eve, supposedly the first cloned baby, went home to her "parents." Canadian company Clonaid manufactured the baby. The company's founder believed aliens created all life on Earth, except Eve; she was created by him.

January

1 The Fritz family of Green Meadows West saw double this New Year's. Jack, one twin, was the last born in the state of Iowa at 11:59 pm in 2002. Logan, the second twin, was born 15 minutes later. He was the first born in Iowa in 2003.

January

11 Tim Huisman, principal of Horizon Elementary School, was killed in a car accident. Huisman struck a concrete pillar on a ramp that connected Highway 5 to Interstate 235 on his way from his home in Knoxville to teach a class.

January

15 Huisman's funeral was held in the morning at the Catholic church in Knoxville. Following the service, a brunch was held for family and close friends. Students who attended the funeral were excused.

January

17 Governor Tom Vilsack took the oath of office as Governor of Iowa for another four years. He was sworn in for his second term at the Drake Knapp Center. Vilsack stated that this term he will focus on balancing the budget and education.

Making his move, sophomore Adam Dannenburg works on his chess game. Dannenburg learned the basics of the game from junior Kyle Mandsager, president and founder of the chess club. "I like getting to know my opponent and testing their intelligence level," said Dannenburg. *photo by Megan*



Orange Bowl

The Iowa Hawkeyes went to the Orange Bowl for the first time in Miami, Florida. The game kicked-off at 8 p.m. EST. Below, students make some estimations about the bowl.

Who teams played?

Hawkeyes vs. Texas Tech. - Erin Sams, '05
Hawkeyes vs. Boise State. - Ivron Robertson, '04

What was the score of the game?

Tennessee 54, Hawkeyes 21 - Abby Dierks, '06
USC 41, Hawkeyes 14 - David Chamberlin, '03

How many people can fit in the Pro Player Stadium?

100,000 people - Tyson Allen, '04
65,000 people - Stephanie Williams, '05

What really happened: The Iowa Hawkeyes played the University of Southern California Trojans. The Hawkeyes lost 38-17. USC passed and ran all over the Hawkeye's defense. It was noted by sportscasters that senior quarterback Brad Banks had his worst game all season. After the second half, the Trojans got the ball and controlled it for the rest of the game. In Miami, Florida 75,540 people were able to fit in the Pro Player Stadium.



January

This month wasn't full of sparkling fresh-fallen snow, but it did sport such diversions such as Martin Luther King's birthday, football bowls and New Year's resolutions. Though the mood was dampened for many by the death of Tim Huisman, a beloved teacher, administrator and friend.

Working to support the Best Buddies group during a Special Olympics game, Heather Haskins, sophomore sells baked goods to freshmen Erica King and Jessica Corez. Best Buddies gave special-education students social experiences by pairing them with student volunteers. Also pictured was junior Audrey Stone, a Best Buddies member. *photo provided by Missy Berg*

Spread by Megan & Tasha

January

16



The legend of

Tim Huisman

Huisman left a legacy to students, teachers and the community. Huisman worked for the district since 1990. He started out as a music teacher for Lawson, when the district only consisted of four schools. As the district and community grew Huisman became more involved. Between 1994-1997 he taught music at Lawson and Wallace. The next year Huisman was the associate principal in the middle school. In 2000 he moved to Wallace as associate principal. After Horizon was built Huisman became the principal. "He enjoyed the time that he took with people, adults as well as students, he was a good listener," said middle school principal, Gary Busby.

Photo by Megan O Tonic



As the first speaker at Huisman's memorial on Jan. 19, Richard Sunblad expresses his gratitude and respect for Huisman. During the ceremony Sunblad said he was touched by the speakers who told of the different ways Huisman impacted them. *photo by Megan O.*



Inspecting the photos of the past, Horizon students Ruchira Shekar and Luke McDermott look at displays that were put together by district staff. At the memorial Peggy Huisman, his wife, brought along Dancer, his dog, while students were allowed to pet her. Huisman brought Dancer to school on Fridays. *photo by Megan O.*

The Teachings of Tim Huisman

"Mr. Huisman taught me patience and how to listen, so when he died, it was the loss of a friend and not just an acquaintance."

-Doug Fuller, '04



"Mr. Huisman taught me to have a good aspect on life, to get the best out of every situation. So the news hit my family pretty hard."

-Annie Schwariz, '05



20 School was held on Martin Luther King's Day, a national holiday. According to Steve Schlatter, associate principal, school was held to educate and bring attention to King's achievements and movements that he helped to start.

January

22 Kuwait authorities and U. S. officials search for the attacker or attackers who ambushed two Americans on a road just outside a U.S. military base in Kuwait. Both men were contract workers for the U.S. military.

January

26 On Superbowl Sunday XXXVII the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were victorious over the Oakland Raiders with an ending score of 48-21. The Buccaneers won their very first Superbowl with their first year coach, Jon Gruden.

January

29 President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address in Washington D.C. at 8:15 CST. Bush's speech covered topics including growing deficits, abortion and cloning. His emphasis was on Iraq and the war on terrorism.

January

February

1 After the space shuttle Columbia malfunctioned upon reentry into earth's atmosphere, President George Bush said, "The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to earth, but we can pray that all are safely home."

February

17 A male inhabitant of Dubuque, IA killed his son and daughter by suffocation and then attempted to kill his wife, this time not by suffocation, but rather by stabbing. He did not succeed in this second endeavor.

February

17 Columbian leftist rebels fired at a light aircraft carrying American officials on a routine anti-drugs mission. The plane was trying to make an emergency landing in rugged terrain in the south of the country.

February

20 Three-hundred-and-two members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard died in a military plane crash. This was Iran's worst-ever plane crash in terms of the number killed. The guards protected Iran's Islamic regime.

Second Semester Slide

As the first full month of the second semester, February brings with it a certain change in students' attitudes.



**Jay Shackett
Gov't Teacher**

"The senior slide is otherwise known as the senior shuffle. It's that wonderful experience where a student's grades go from their high down to their lowest lows, in which the light at the end of the tunnel gets too bright—in which I must be a driving force against."



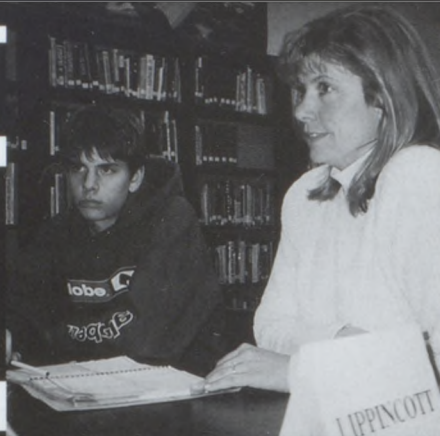
**Nick Root
Senior**

"Knowing that I'm going to go to college and like already registered for classes, it kind of helps the slip of senioritis. These days, I get home and I'm too tired to do homework. And studying? Forget it, it just goes in one ear and out the other."



**Alex Contino
Sophomore**

"I find myself in third quarter slacking more than I was first and second quarter. I just haven't tried as hard as I used to. Usually I can get by without trying and still pass with an A or B, but I guess not this quarter, there's an exception of some kind."



February

At long last, the snow comes. Down it falls, speck by speck. Similarly, day by day, students' lethargy piles up. They just finished one grueling semester, and in February the reality of the long new semester sets in. Back to school they go, all through this shortest of months. It only seems too long 'til the end.

spread by Lynn Anderson



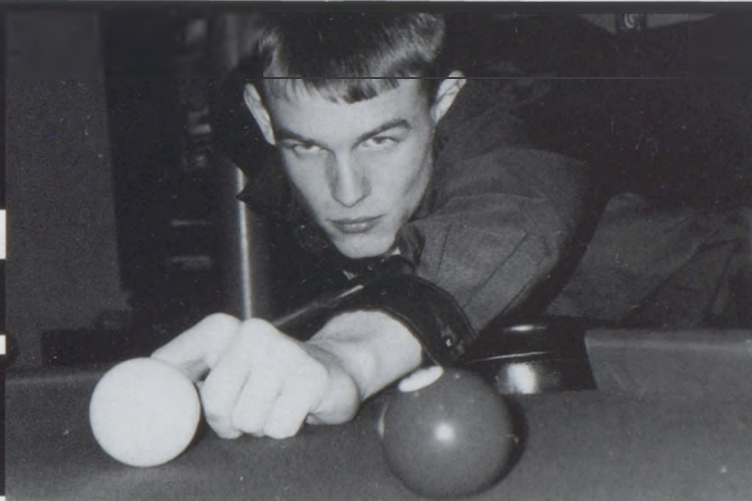
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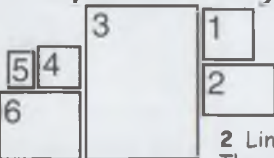


February 20 Ninety-six died at the Station night club in West Warwick, RI. Fireworks used by the band performing set the building aflame. Some club-goers were burned, others suffocated and still others were crushed in the panic.

February 22 Brazilian criminals released three daughters of a top executive of Reuters news agency. The girls had been held for nine days. Initially, 1.1 million was asked for their release, but in the end it took \$11,000.



Caption Key



1 Freshman Zach Emmerson cocks his head and listens to a conversation interesting enough to take his attention away from cake. Emmerson recited a portion of the boy scout oath at senior Ben Parry and graduate Tim Rhoads' eagle scout ceremony, held on Feb. 9. He satiated his sweet tooth at the following reception. *photo by C.A.*

2 Lining up his shot, sophomore Joe Thuyente takes aim. Thuyente shot pool at sophomore Brandon Swett's house

in early hours of Feb. 2, following winter formal, held on Feb. 1. *photo by B. Swett*
3 Senior Eric White glances at his binded feet as he works his way across a snowy bench. Being a snowboarder, White appreciated the 14.4 inches of snow that fell during February. *photo by Cyrus James Andrews*

4 Joey Schmidt, sophomore, and mother Mary gaze at Keith Lippincott, Schmidt's biology teacher, during conferences on Feb. 17. *photo by S. Wendel*

5 Clothed for the cold weather, junior Tyler Sloan kickflip backside 50-50's a cement ledge. As soon as the streets were dry, Sloan and other skateboarders hit the streets, despite the below freezing temperatures. *photo by C. Andrews*

6 From left to right, sophomores Megan Ware, Molly Hansen and Alex Nielson cheer during a varsity basketball game at Ankeny. *photo by Amanda Cook*

25 Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq, challenged George Bush, leader of the US, to a televised debate during an interview with CBS. He said, "I am ready to conduct a direct dialogue—a debate—with your president."

27 An Air France Concorde supersonic jet lost part of its rudder flying across the Atlantic. No one was hurt, and the jet made its destination on time, but consideration was given to retiring the Concorde series.

March

3 Iowa State University assistant men's basketball coach Randall Brown resigned after being charged with possession of child pornography. After he was contacted by investigators, he destroyed about thirty floppy disks.

March

3 Music companies had a deadline for anyone who wanted to file a complaint against them. Anyone who had purchased a cd between 1995 and 2000 was eligible. People who filed could receive between five and twenty dollars.

March

17 President George W. Bush gave Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein a 48-hour deadline to surrender to the U.S. and avoid the possibility of a war. Hussein was suspected of hiding weapons of mass destruction in his country.

March

18 Rachel Corrie, 23, was run over and killed by a bulldozer in the Middle East. She had gone there to attempt to destroy the home bases of suicide bombers. She was survived by her parents who celebrated the courage she had.

To war or not to war:
What students think...

WAR WITH IRAQ



Brandon Pruitt, '06

"I am pro-war, because Bush was trying to avoid war but Iraq wouldn't cooperate. I feel we're using self-defense."



Ashley Raes, '05

"The war hit close to home for me because my whole family is in the military. They could be deployed at any time."

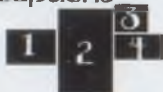


Kara Dell, '04

"I don't like Hussein and the way he treats his people. They have a right to be free and live without the threat of him."



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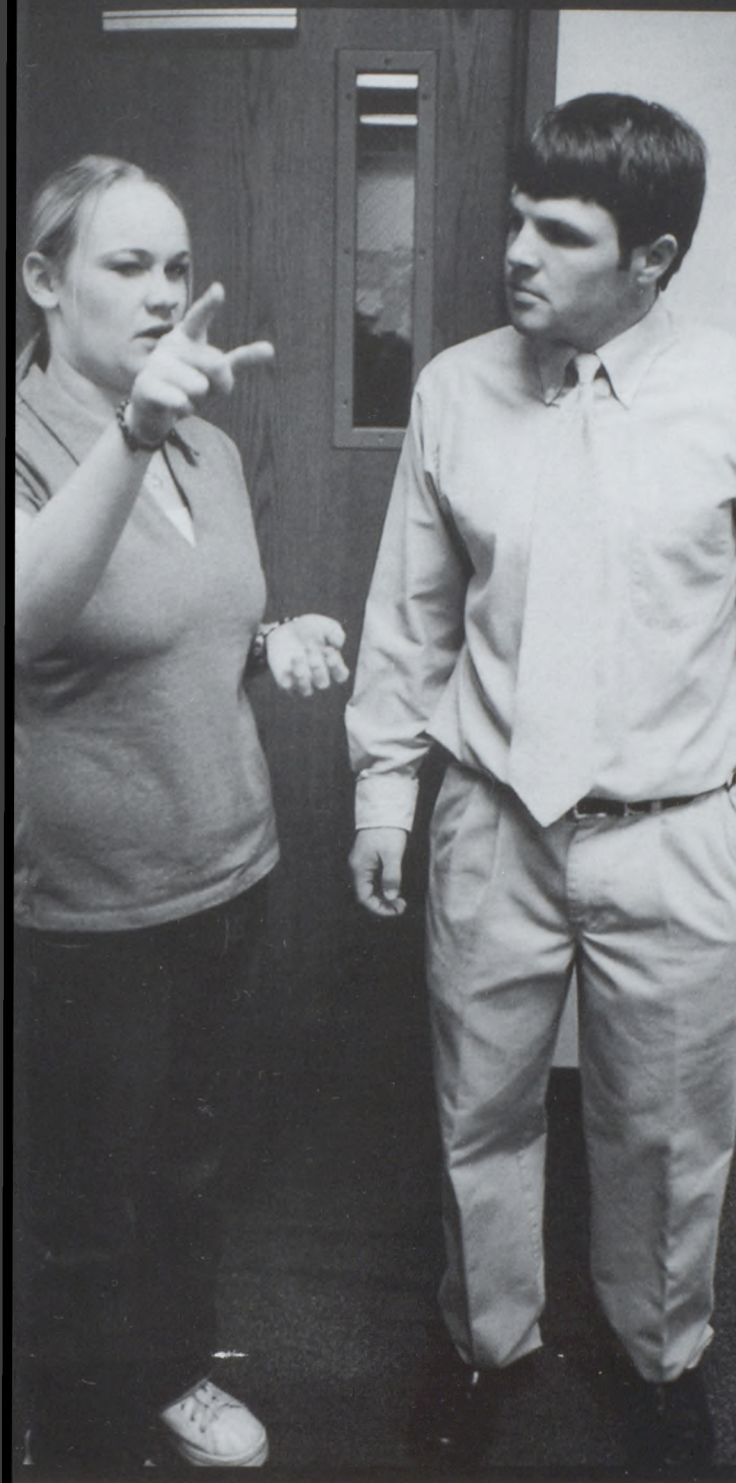


1. Watching as the total adds up, senior James Rhoades fills up his tank. Rhoades felt that the situation in Iraq affected gas prices, making them suddenly rise. **2.** Pointing at a classroom, senior KC Rawlings shows candidate Ethan Wiechmann around the school. Students had the chance to give tours to candidates who wanted a teaching job in the district. **3.** Concentrating on her work, junior Amy Osbourne finishes covering her brownies. The culinary arts classes made food for troops who were deployed from Camp Dodge. "It made me feel good that I was helping the troops out because they're going off to war to fight for our country," said Osbourne. **4.** Replaying a scene they had just filmed, senior Sam Ites and graduate Chris Verlengia enjoy watching their work. Ites made and entered the commercial in a Channel 13 contest advertising the Science Center. The dialogue of the commercial took place between people in a spaceship and on earth. It was not aired out of respect for the astronauts on Columbia. Ites said, "The Science Center saying that my commercial was too controversial for the public is ironic because that would mean that the Science Center itself is too controversial for the public." *photos by Stacy Olsasky and Ites photo by A. H.*

March

Warm, sunny weather in the forecast and spring break on everybody's mind, students and faculty try to enjoy spring once again. With the start of the war in Iraq, students and teachers maintained their daily schedules while others were out of town relishing their time off.

Spread by Stacy Olsasky



"Johnston family charged with possession of marijuana"



Acting on "an anonymous tip from community members" the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Task Force entered this Johnston home on March 12, where DMACC's president, Dr. David England, was taken into custody. As the team entered, a marijuana cigarette burned in the bedroom. Drug paraphernalia and smaller amounts of the

drug were found scattered throughout the house. England faced charges of drug trafficking, conspiracy, possession of paraphernalia and violation of the state drug tax stamp, which if convicted he could spend up to ten years in prison. His wife, Donna, faced similar charges. Their two children, Jessica, 22, and David, 16, were given lesser charges. *photo by Stacy Olsasky*

March 19 The number of people in the U.S. suspected of having a mysterious new pneumonia has gone up to as many as 11 people. The disease was supposedly brought over from Asia and could only be contracted by close contact with a victim of the disease.

March 21 Marty Schmitt awoke in the morning to find that her family's anti-war sign outside her Des Moines home had been burned. The sign read "Say no to war with Iraq." This was the second time the family had been faced with discrimination against their views on the war.

March 22 All around central Iowa people came to gather at the capitol and Camp Dodge to express their views on the war against Iraq. The people who were protesting at Camp Dodge were taken into custody and held at the Polk County jail.

March 31 An Arizona man who ran a stop sign and killed a University of Northern Iowa student was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Michael V. Dunn plead guilty to vehicular homicide and two counts of serious injury by vehicle.

April

1 A Billy Joel and Elton John concert was held at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, IA. Tickets for the event cost \$175, entitling those who attended to three and a half hours of pure entertainment with no intermission to speak of.

April

3 Junior Charles England IV, 16, son of former Des Moines Area Community College president David England, was charged with possession of cocaine, after cocaine residue was found in his room.

April

5 Sixty people perished in a prison riot in the northern part of Honduras. Armed members of a youth-organized gang went on a rampage and set fire to the prison in the city of Tegucigalpa.

April

8 A bomb courtesy of the United States of America hit an Iraqi television network building and a hotel filled with hundreds of journalists. Three journalists were killed and three others were severely injured.

FOOLING Around

"At the end of speech class, I unplugged a broken computer monitor and walked out of the classroom with it. The rest of the class distracted the teacher."

-Jason Arment '05



"My brother and I woke up that morning and my mom said she was feeling sick. My brother said he was feeling sick also, but she said 'not that kind of sick, I am pregnant.'"

-CB Rottenburg '03

Broken Glass



Senior Tina Mark receives bandage from school nurse Penny Jess. Mark was injured while changing the art display case in front of the cafeteria. The glass covering the case shattered and cut her hand, Mark referred to it as a "freak accident."

photo by Matt Campbell

Sophomore John Sachs looks over a painting done by Southeast Polk student Jayne Kaufman, entitled *Succubus*. Sachs and 68 other students from around the metro participated in the 13th annual CIML art exhibition held at the Johnston Public Library. photo by Rachel Vorm



April

Wild and crazy weather keeps students on their toes as they are left wondering if it is going to snow, rain or shine. At the same time, the end of the war in Iraq seemed to be in sight. Students go on with their lives by creating art, visiting museums and finding other activities to fill their day.

Spread by Rachel Vorm & Stacy Olsasky

Looking at the package of wieners, seniors Jimmy Cate and Tyler Scott think up interesting ways to get it open. Cate and Scott, along with senior Justin Fenimore, were the few people who started "Tennis Super Fans." Cate said, "I wanted to do something nice for the team and it would be cool if it became a tradition." photo by Stacy Olsasky



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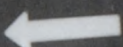
Gazing out the window, junior Kaylynn Williams sucks on a piece of ice. Williams had plucked the icicle from the water that had collected above the bus window before taking her seat. It snowed off-and-on during the first week of the month. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

Shaking hands intently with a TSA representative, sophomore Jake Walahoski accepts his award at a state TSA competition. Walahoski won three out of six of the competitions he entered. He felt it was an honor to have three of his projects win. *photo by S. Olsasky*



As she holds petrified squirrel remains in her hand, junior Andrea Kraft grins in disgust. Kraft and the outdoor pursuits p.e. class traveled to the Saylorville welcoming center to view the museum. "Touching it was really gross," commented Kraft, "I didn't know what it was until I picked it up." *photo by Rachel Vorm*

HABITAT
COVE



Native Reptiles
Fish Aquarium
Theater Show



12 PETA, an animal rights activist group, offered to pay an Arab satellite station \$10,000 to run a 30 second commercial. It would show various animals in slaughter houses. The station declined to meet PETA's request.

April

14 Assailants seized control of a helicopter and used it to bring about the escape of three inmates from a prison in southern France. It was the second helicopter-escape mission in an 18 month period.

April

22 In Tacoma, Washington, a state mail facility was evacuated after a suspicious white powder was found on a mail processing table. It was believed to be a biotoxin, a harmful chemical substance.

April

26 More than 1,400 people of all ages participated in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. The event was held at Water Works Park in Des Moines, Iowa.

April

Student Life

May

5 Ground was broken for a new secondary education building to house sixth and seventh graders. The building will be constructed east of Horizon Elementary and will ease the crowding of the high school and middle school.

May

6 The student body cast their votes for next year's student body president after listening to speeches by the candidates. After tabulation of the votes, junior Corey Goerdts was determined as the new president.

May

14 Wayne Morgan was named as the new Iowa State men's basketball coach. Former coach, Larry Eustachy agreed to leave the university with a \$1 million settlement after pictures of him drinking with college students surfaced.

May

15 At 9:30 p.m., the shadow of the Earth began creeping across the moon, creating a lunar eclipse. The eclipse was the first lunar eclipse visible in Iowa since Jan. 2000. The next lunar eclipse was to occur in Nov.

Teachers Rich Gradoville, Tim Brickley and senior Rachel Mullen, were three of many that attended the 8 p.m. free showing of Ghostbusters at the Simon Estes Amphitheater. photo by Aaron Holmgren

A fractured carpal in the smallest phalange, oh his left hand is the reason biology teacher Keith Lippincott wears a cast. During the third and fourth block of his biology Lippincott demonstrated a pain and perception lesson by punching his hand into the metal classroom door. The door wasn't the one to give. He had done this in earlier classes but this time when he went to hit the door he stepped into it and the force behind his hand wasn't stopped until contact was made and it resulted in his fractured carpal. photo by Megan O'Toole



The Best Mother's Day Gift



"This year I got a digital camera. This year I didn't ~~that~~ that about what I wanted they came up with it on their own."

Lisa Stange
teacher

"We got her a digital camera for Mother's Day. I'm close with my mom. I can tell her anything that's going on."

Mike Stange '06



"Luke and Jenna surprised me with outfits they picked out and they fit. We also went out for dinner the night before."

Julie Hukee
teacher

"My brothers and I wanted to surprise her. But when we got back she asked where we had been and I think she saw the bags."

Jenna Hukee '06



Satisfied with her achievement, senior Emily Bednar admires her national Quill and Scroll award. The award was for a photo of Erin Danielson surfing off the coast of South Carolina, which appeared in the 2002 yearbook. Bednar was presented the award at the annual journalism banquet. photo by M. Putney

April showers bring May flowers but April didn't take the downfall. May soaked up all the moisture. Excess water caused the threat of overflowing waterways and closed roads. The end of school nearing, stress was also building for students. By the end, the rain had died down along with student's stress levels.

Spread by Julie Crow and Megan O'Toole

May



Helping out, Annie Schwartz devotes her time three days a week to second grade students at Lawson Elementary School. Schwartz contributed by helping Sammy Spartz and Matthew Betz make different combinations with a set amount of change. *photo by Megan O.*

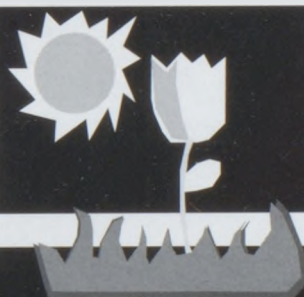
Junior Tiffany Barz sets a screen for junior Liz Swanson against South East Polk, in a three-on-three game during the Iowa Games event, hoopin' at the Dome. Monica Goedken, who also played on the team said "the intensity level present during conference against carried over to this game, because of our familiarity with the competition." The team, which also included Steph Cameron, earned second after losing to South East Polk. *photo by Swett*



Dancing to "One day I'll fly away," junior Missy King prepares to arabesque. Practicing with senior Kelsey VanEssen, they run through the dance on the Central Campus stage during dress rehearsal. *photo by Megan*



Juniors Zach Moses and Kenton Hensley play a game of chess before lunch in the student commons. The tradition began sometime in April and they played every other day. The group was just for fun and not competitive. Hensley said he had no strategy but he always used the same opening move. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



26 Senior Lauren Fisher went skydiving near Winterset, Iowa as a graduation gift from her parents. Originally Fisher was scheduled to jump May 10, but the jump was rescheduled due to weather conditions.

May

27 The man wanted in the killings of five women in Louisiana, Derrick Todd Lee, was arrested outside of an Atlanta tire store and flown back to Louisiana. Lee was linked to each of the slayings by DNA.

May

28 President Bush signed the third largest tax cut in history into law following approval in the House and the Senate. The 10-year, \$350 billion package was designed to relieve taxpayers, and stimulate the economy.

May

29 Iowa lawmakers convened for a special session requested by governor, Tom Vilsak. Vilsak called the special session hoping to convince the legislature to pass an \$810 million economic development fund.

May

"Jeff" took Fontorian's advice, and began to explore the school . . .

These chambers must contain valuable mortal possessions. Opening them may prove difficult...

...melting them, however...

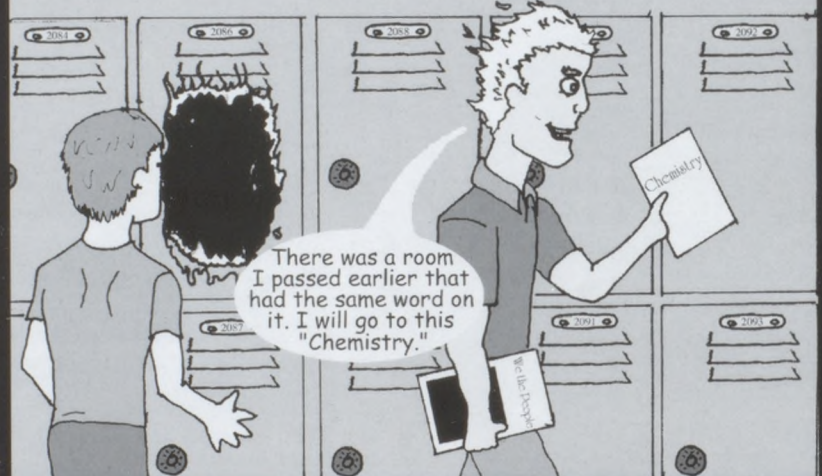
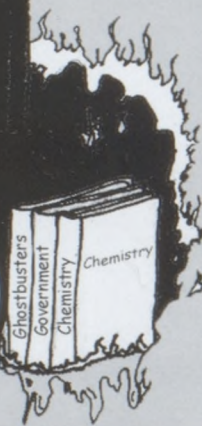
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Books?!?
So, the humans can read now, can they?
Perhaps they have become wiser since my time...



There was a room I passed earlier that had the same word on it. I will go to this "Chemistry."

This is exactly what I DON'T need!!
I am having the WORST day EVER!!!

What is wrong, young girl?
What is the source of your grief?



I can't get this burner to light!!!
The sparkers won't SPARK!!!

Remain calm my dear. Perhaps I could be of some assistan...

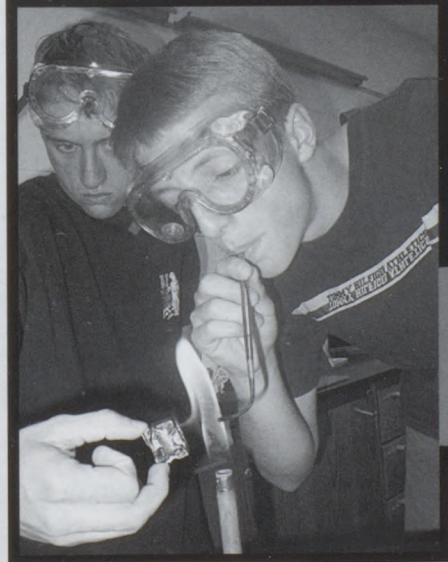
Oh my stars and garters!
What is that thing behind you?!

What!? What were you pointing at??
There isn't anything behind me...

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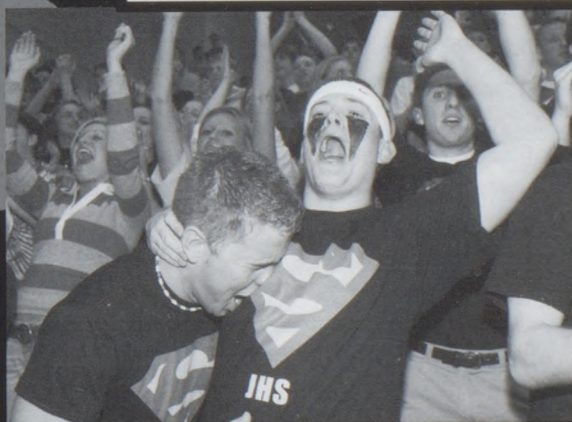


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Seniors Jimmy Cate and Kam Kielhorn, wearing Superman logos to show that they are "Super-Fans," cheer on the JHS basketball team in Marshalltown. Although Johnston was not victorious, Kielhorn said, "It was a very exciting game, but a tough loss." photo by Matthew Putney

Careful to avoid burning junior Adam Buster's digits, sophomore Ryan Steinkamp blows fire onto an unknown substance. The experiment was conducted in teacher Mike Partington's block chemistry class. photo by Aaron Holmgren



★ A-Z ★

Talking Trash

Students learn what garbage can say about their lives



Freshman Kelsey Dicken returns the chemicals she used to develop the pictures of different textures into their original bottles. "The pictures didn't turn out and I don't know why," said Dicken. "It was my first time (developing film) and I don't think I rolled the film right." According to the new photo art teacher, Tiffany Berkenes, there is a 75%-80% chance the film will develop. *photo by Giedre Miniotaite*

Trying to come up with an abstract shape that expresses a part of her life, freshman Sherry House jots down some ideas for possible shapes. "I just wanted to learn more about art. We learned a lot about abstract art, drawing and how to put art into different perspectives," said House who was in essentials of art. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*



Junior Kaylynn Williams works on a project that reflects what she wants to do in life after high school. Williams and 12 others went out and collected garbage off the street, near the school and made it into something that answered their own questions. This was an optional experience offered to those in different art classes. *photo by Saeed Tokhi*



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Senior Lacey Young carves symbols into a red earthenware clay pot. The painting class was assigned a project called "Song of the Future." The idea was to have shapes carved into the surface that tell future generations what the student was like and what they valued. photo by Lindsey Lockner

Threading garbage through a colander sophomore Jennifer Rockwell works together with other students and African artist, Romuald Hazoume, visited the school. Rockwell participated in a project that reflected aspects in her life. photo by Saeed Tokhi



The Romuald Hazoume Interview

Romuald Hazoume was a visiting artist.

Compiled by Lindsey Lockner

Experiences in Art

Students recall lessons on life

Kenton Hensley, '04



"There was a day when he (Dan Weiss) was trying to explain something to us. So he went into the studio while we were in the classroom and grabbed a clay pot that he had made and smashed it. It was really interesting and kind of spontaneous."

Mike Farrell, '05



"I remember having to come in on a Saturday because Mr. (Dan) Weiss offered it (a work day) since no one was done. It was really fun because no one showed up but me and when I was talking to him he would tell me about his life and relate it to mine."

Mallory McCarty, '06



"One of my good memories was the first time on the potters wheel. I got really messy and dirty. I had to keep reforming the pot because I couldn't get it (the pot) centered. By the end of the hour I still wasn't centered. So I had to quit trying and go wash up."



LL: What kind of art are you teaching the students?

RH: I am not teaching them anything. But if you ask them what we learn together, they will tell you what we learned together.

LL: Can you describe what type of art they are doing?

RH: They are just trying to answer questions about their life. (The students were to ask think of questions about themselves and to model in their project)

LL: What type of materials are they using?

RH: They use all materials that are garbage. They find what they think that people think is dead. And they use it and they give it life again in artwork.

LL: What type of materials from the garbage do you usually get?

RH: Anything. Anything that I find, anything that can talk about life, that can tell the story of people. Because everything that we use today will be garbage tomorrow. Like a computer, in two years it will be garbage because it can't work anymore.

LL: Why did you decide to use

materials that you thought were dead? Why didn't you go out and buy some?

RH: It's not necessary for the work I want to do. That kind of material (garbage) for me talks better than the material that I can buy. And the material that I could buy doesn't talk a lot, they just say a few things. And for me it's not very important. I use what I need for my artwork.

LL: What do you want the material to say?

RH: I don't want the material to say something special. This material talk! This material talk alone! I just do what they say to me.


LL: How long have you been trying to find these materials?

RH: Twenty years. I have a big collection. My house is like a garbage house. I just collected pieces in my house and in my studio. It depends on what the material says to me. If he talk a lot it's easy. If the material doesn't talk a lot it's hard.

LL: Can anyone do this?

RH: Everybody is an artist. Because you know what you're doing, there are things you know about yourself.

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Practice makes Perfect

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Freshman Kristen Turnblad plays the clarinet and reads her music at the last band concert of the year. The song was called "Tame the Savage Sea." Turnblad was the head clarinet. "It was awesome when we got a I rating and Best of Class at the Adventureland/Drake relays Band Feast this spring," said Turnblad. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*



Performing at a wind ensemble competition in Ankeny, sophomore Alex Grasso melodiously plays the French Horn. At the competition the ensemble had the smallest number of people in the band. There were 30 people, while other schools had 70 or 80. After the band played for the judges, they went to a back room and did a sight reading exercise with a piece of music they had never seen before. *photo by L. Lockner*



In the practice room for the Valley Competition, the drumline starts off with the beginning of "King across the water." The drumline is made up of (left to right) junior Jay Remann, freshman Eric Dreibelies, sophomore Matt Bole, freshman Nick Schumacher, sophomore Ryan DeHammer and Nick McKinley. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*



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During an early morning practice for jazz ensemble sophomore Katie Battani and junior Frank Roggio play "Sing, Sing, Sing" on their saxophones. The song was their longest one, being four pages. Battani liked the song and thought it was more challenging to play because of the length. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*

First chair sophomore Leah Lundstrum toots her trumpet during band class. "Most of the people in my section are just stupid. It's not what they do, it's what they don't do, but they have been improving," said Lundstrum. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*

B

Best of Band

Students remember their favorite part of band

Brandon Rutherford, '04



Horn and not a lot of people do."

"The class is just so easy, all you have to do is show up, be quite and play some music. Most of the people just get an A. Colleges also offer scholarships to people in band and thats great for me because I play the French

Laura Beth Vander Ploeg, '05



friends will help me out with the rhythms."

"I'm the only oboe in my band. Most of the time it's fun being the only instrument because it doesn't sound as bad if I make a mistake. If I don't know how I'm supposed to play something it can be kind of hard, but usually one of my

Erin Couture, '06



us know that we're doing a good job."

"I enjoy playing on stage in front of the audience. I really like it because I love to hear the applause they give us. It's like our reward for practicing so hard, even though we usually just practice in class. And it lets

The Charli Richter Interview

Charli Richter was a junior

Compiled by Lindsey Lockner

LL: How long have you been involved in band?
 CR: I have played since fifth grade.
 LL: What are some of the highlights in band?
 CR: The people are a lot of fun. And it's a nice way to start the day.
 LL: What instruments do you play?
 CR: I play bass clarinet and bass drum during marching band. I started playing bass drum in seventh grade, it was a more low instrument and it was unique.
 LL: What was the hardest part of being in band?
 CR: The playing aspect, reading music and playing as a group. In ensembles you listen to other people and you have to play a certain thing, so you can't screw up.
 LL: What was your favorite part of being in band?
 CR: Being in different groups. I also made a lot of friends through band.
 LL: What ensembles were you in?
 CR: I have been in concert band, jazz, pep and carinate trio.
 LL: What have you learned from being in band?
 CR: Teamwork and the importance of practicing as a group.
 LL: What things have you accomplished through band?
 CR: Just being a part of something I like to do. I also like being able to produce stuff for other people to listen to and learn from.
 LL: Didn't you also make All State?
 CR: Yes. This was the first year I decided to try out.
 LL: How many people tried out and made it?
 CR: There were a lot of kids that tried out, around 1,000 maybe. But only 250 people made it.
 LL: What did you have to do to make All State?
 CR: You had to learn scales, you got to play one of choice and do a solo. It was based on your tone and what's on the page. Only three people from this school made it.
 LL: Did you have to do a lot of practicing before auditions?
 CR: I was practicing for a couple months, but really hard core the last three weeks before auditions.
 LL: What did you do at All State?
 CR: There were chair placings the Thursday night before the concert and rehearsal on Friday and Saturday morning then the performance was Saturday night.

There's No I in Wee

CRASH!



The boys rope in a brand new varsity coach

Randy Wee replaced Jim Mahoney as the head varsity coach, bringing major changes to the program. One thing that the new coach tried to impress upon the players was the rope. Wee related the game tug of war to the realm of sports. "Think about it, all sports really are just a simple game of tug of war. Each player has to pull their own weight, and keep both hands on the rope, or they fall and wind up in the mud," said Wee. He gave the players sections of rope to wear in their caps, and had them touch a piece of rope before games, to drive home his point that everyone needs to keep both hands on the rope and pull for the same goal, or fail.

Before Wee arrived he had been the assistant coach at Northern Iowa and the head coach in Iowa Falls.

The team noticed differences in Wee and Mahoney's coaching. Junior Chris Sigmund said, "The new coach was more focused, and he worked us harder." Mahoney put the responsibility on the players to practice and stretch if they wanted to improve, unlike Wee, who had them routinely stretch and practice as a team.

One game that stood out to the players as a strong team effort was the home game against Dowling. It was said to be one of the closest games. "We stuck with it and played our strongest defense. That's why we were in it for so long," said junior Zach Moses. The game went into double overtime. In the end, the home team was triumphant. The score was 8-7, giving coach Wee a taste of what baseball here is made of. *spread by Aaron Holmgren and Woody Brenton*

Brushing his fingers past a length of rope, held by senior Adam Meyer, senior A.J. Morris adheres to varsity coach Wee's "keep both hands on the rope" mentality. The new coach urged all of the players to "pull" for the same goal, stressing teamwork as the key to their success. The team touched the rope as a form of mental preparation. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



With open glove, senior Adam Gray leaps for the throw to first base. Usually a varsity pitcher, he enjoyed playing first base on JV as well, because it gave him a chance to play a less isolating position. Gray, explaining another plus to playing first base said, "You get to smack the runner on the back of the head when you're trying to pick them off." *photo by Matthew Putney*



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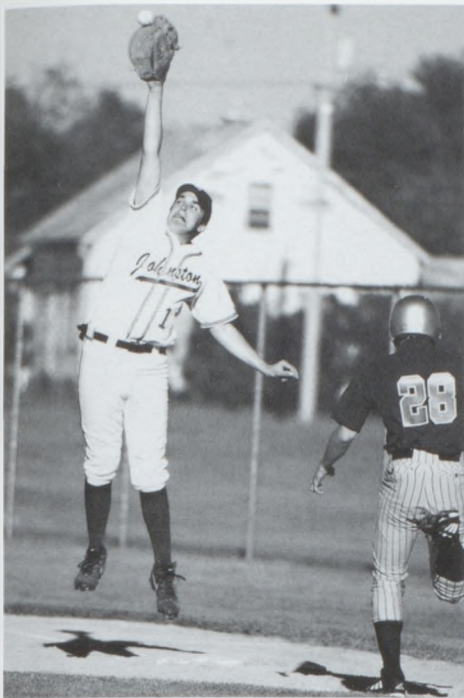
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His eyes on the ball, graduate Dan Rude swings for the fences. Rude's philosophy on batting was patience. He would determine what type of pitch was hurtling towards him by focusing on the spin of the ball.
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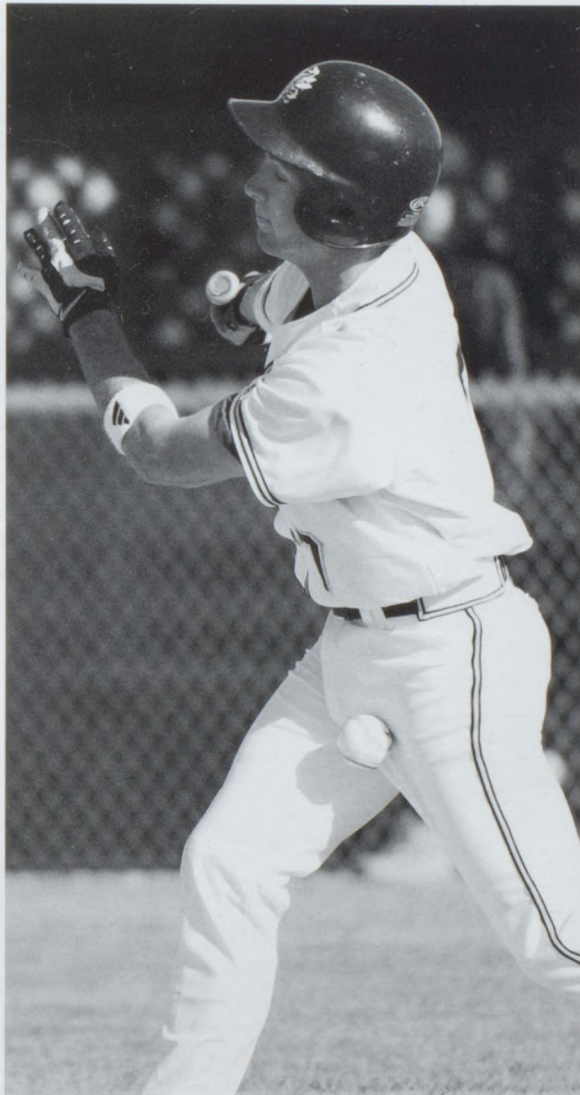


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The pressure is on as freshman Brian McCrea throws the heat. He normally pitched, but was given the chance to play all outfield positions as well. McCrea described the coaches as laid back, because they allowed him to play any position he desired. photo by Matthew Putney

In his first at bat of the season, a jv game against Lincoln, senior Pat Ryerson is struck by a foul ball that bounced off the plate. "I just couldn't believe it," he said, "that was the last place I expected to get hit. It was a good pitch...I just made bad contact." Ryerson proved he could make good contact as well as bad. He finished with a .400 batting average. photo by Matthew Putney



Adam Meyer



Senior Adam Meyer slides into home plate during the team's comeback against Dowling. Meyer thought the catcher was blocking the plate just a bit too much, and intended to do something about it.

"I was trying to get a little physical with the catcher, maybe hurt him a bit," said Meyer, "I didn't want him to get through the rest of the game. He would make fun of us when we batted. I wanted to shut him up."



Safe in the aftermath of the play, Meyer gazes upon his fallen foe. Meyer said, "He said he was gonna beat me up after the game or something, but he had to get on the bus and leave." photos by Matthew Putney



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Sports





Boys miss state, with a 52-56 loss in overtime

At the beginning of the season the team set a goal to make it to the state tournament. "One of the things we worked on was getting the good fundamentals in practice. We tried to focus on the actions we needed to take to win. The outcome goal of that would be to make it to state," said head coach Jeff Simpson.

Prior to sub-state they had a record of 13-8 and making it to state was something everyone expected.

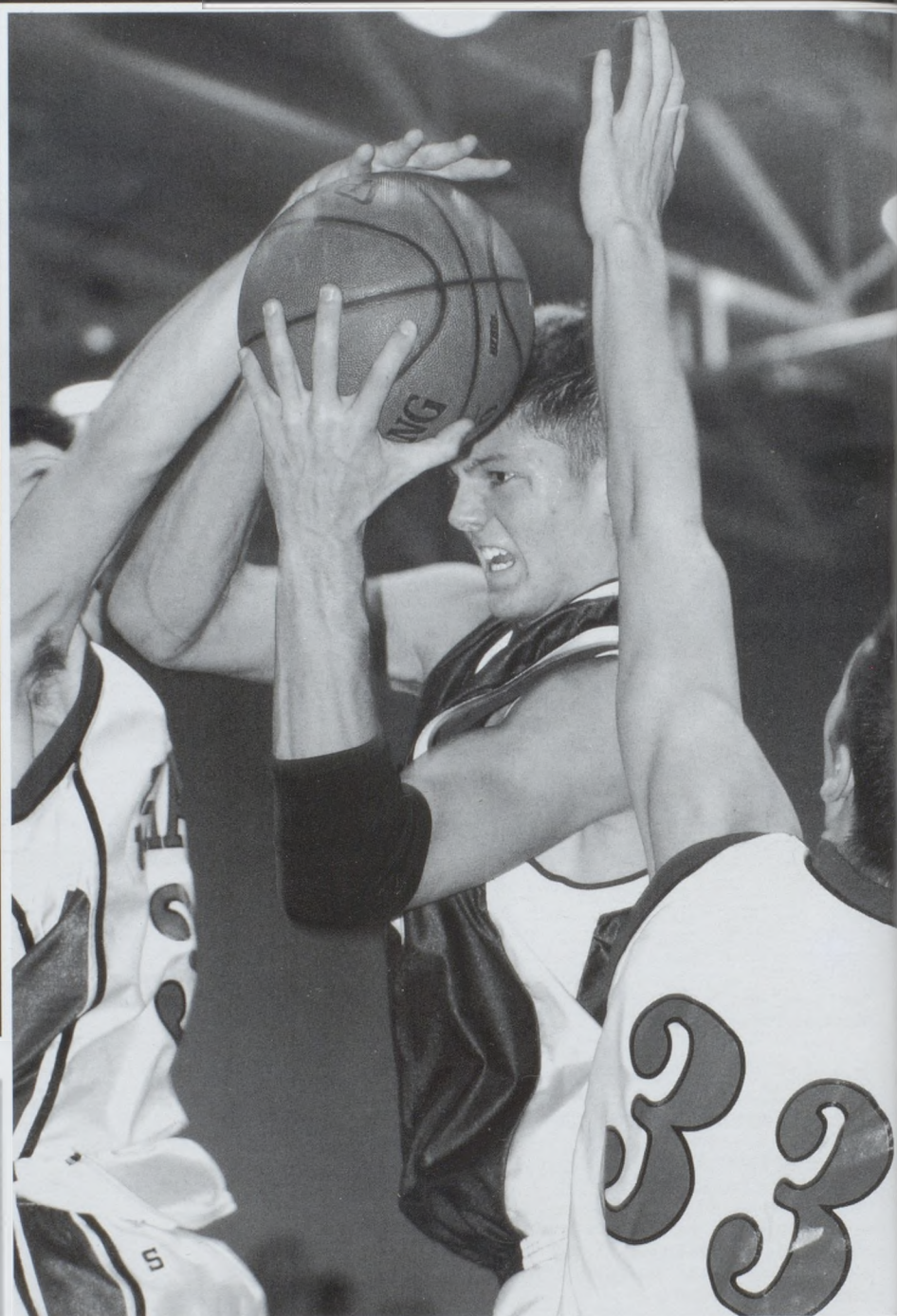
The first round of sub-state they had a bye. The second round they hosted Mason City and the game ended with a 53-46 victory.

The third round was on March 11, in Ames. The varsity had a chance to make their goal a possibility. With a large amount of support in the stands, everyone, including players and fans, felt confident that they would win and make it to state.

According to junior Jimmy Binnie, "We executed well offensively and defensively". Marshalltown's Aie hit a three-point shot, which gave the Bobcats the momentum. Then after the Dragons missed four free throws in the final quarter it was tied. As overtime came to an end the Dragons were down four points and couldn't pull off the win. "With our expectations we definitely should have made it to state," said Binnie. *spread by E. Janes*

Barging through the crowd of Urbandale J-Hawk players, Binnie prepares to shoot the ball and add two more points to the scoreboard. Binnie had a total of 416 points throughout the season. He averaged 19 points a game and also shot 40 percent from three the point range. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Tangled up in nest of Urbandale J-Hawk players junior Cody Phelps attempts to keep the ball to himself during a JV game. "This year we realized that the only way we could win was to play as a team. We improved on team unity, and we learned a lot from varisty. We got a stronger workout when playing with them," said Phelps. *photo by Matthew Putney*



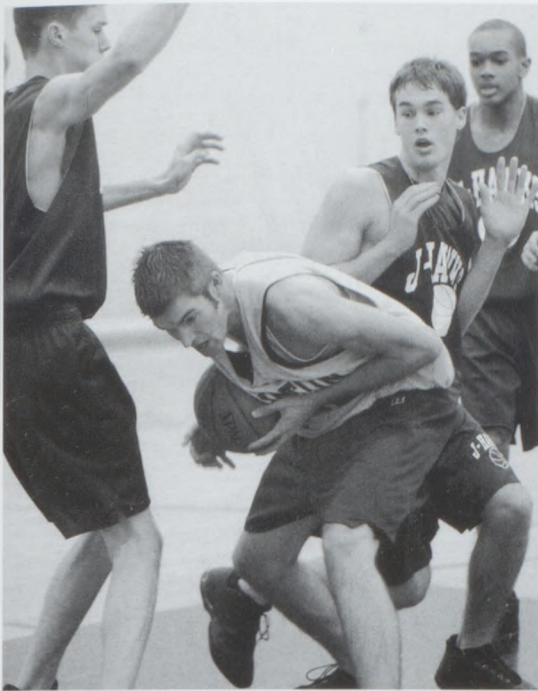
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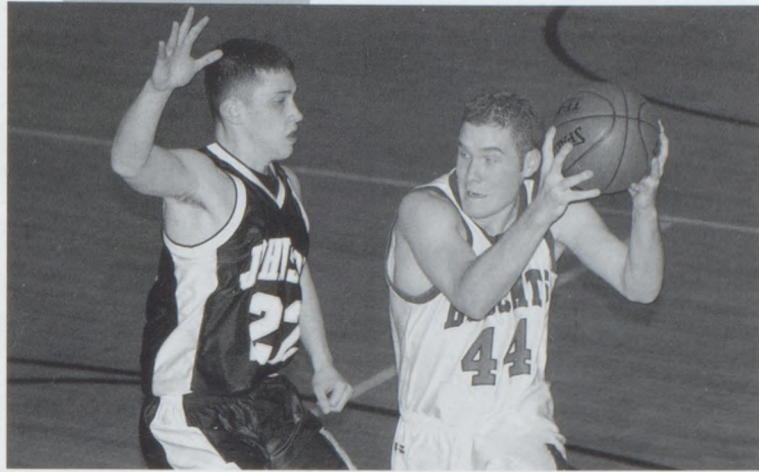
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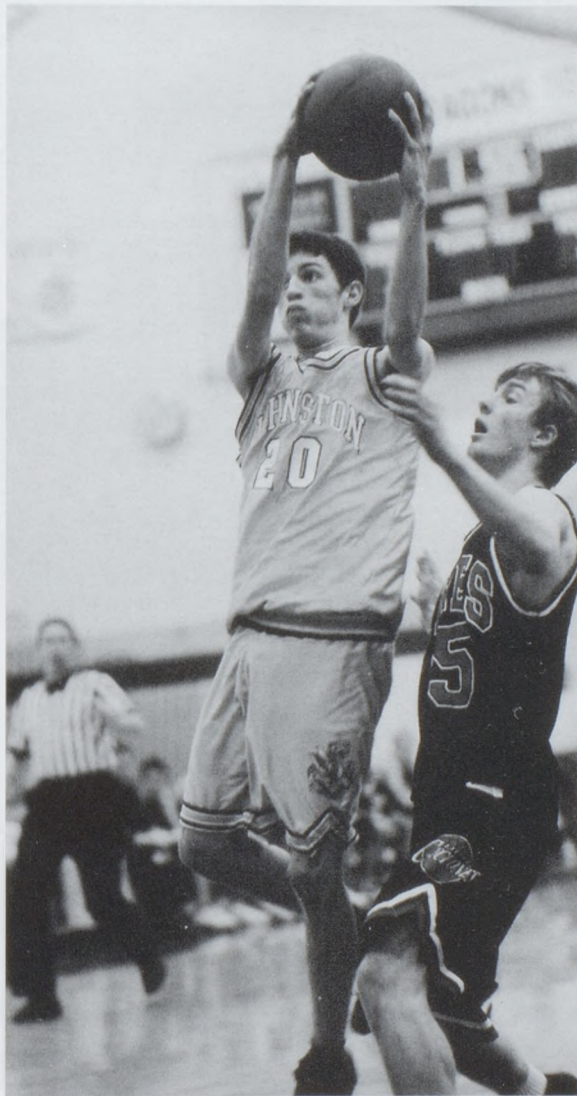
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Hovering over his Marshalltown opponent sophomore Jason Rude plays defense. As the only sophomore on varsity Rude averaged six points a game. He also accumulated 37 assists and 15 steals throughout the season. photo by Matthew Putney



Struggling to place the ball freshman Daniel Rottenberg looks for a teammate. The freshmen were really competitive noted Rottenberg. "We had a lot of really close losses this year. We made some really good improvements, and I think this year was a building block for next year," said Rottenberg. photo by Aaron Holmgren.



A game of basketball turns to a nasty game of keep-away as sophomore Tyler Tannatt goes up for a lay-up. The sophomores ended with a winning record of 11-10. The leading scorer was sophomore John Palmer with a total of 306 points. Palmer was a good leader because, "he helped us and motivated us to never give up and to always work hard," said Tannatt. photo by Aaron Holmgren

Jason Ward



With his long arms stretched, senior Jason Ward begins the game with the tip at center court. "He was a good captain and brought defensive intensity, by constantly holding the other teams away," said

head coach Jeff Simpson. Ward scored 53 points overall, but was strong on the defensive side with nine blocks and 29 steals as well. "I brought leadership, hard work and a good attitude to the team. I liked



doing the tip because the momentum for the game started right off with the tip," said Ward. Ward said the person he looked up to the most was senior Adam Gray, because he always had a good attitude and said positive things when Ward was down. photos by Aaron Hall Holmgren



Stretching FOR Excellence

Team holds test run on pre-season yoga

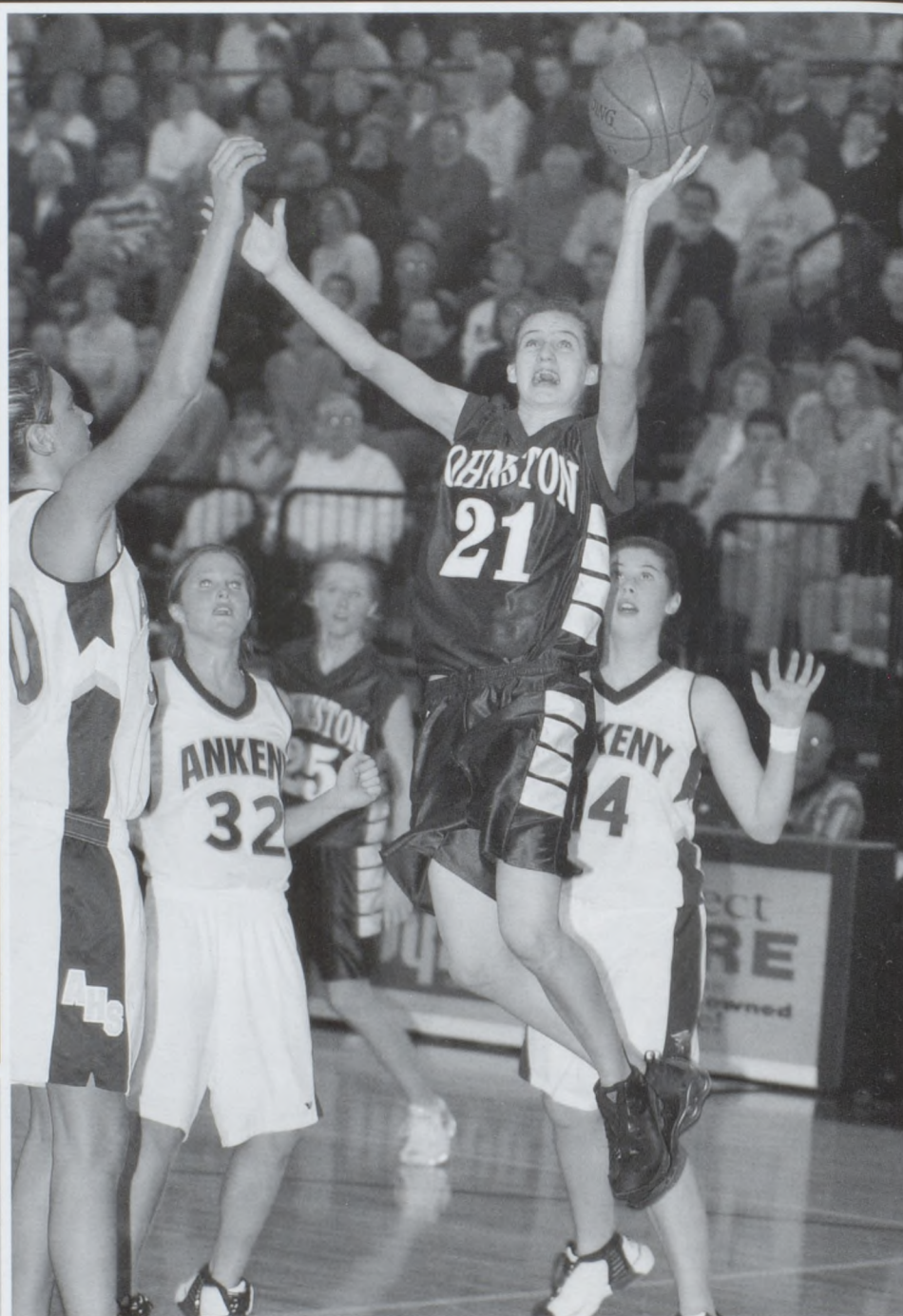
Prior to scheduled practices, varsity stretched out and began yoga to improve their skills on the court and to work on their team unity. All of the girls took part in the team activity, along with coaches Rich Gradoville and Beth Ward.

The team began yoga in early October and continued for three weeks. They had Instructor Michelle Martz come to the school and usually worked out in the auditorium. They stopped around the time practice began, in early November, because of time restraints. Gradoville said, "It was beneficial. I think some of the girls really enjoyed it."

Junior Abbie Toney participated with the team and then continued yoga on her own time. She felt it was a positive experience and helped her improve her concentration. "The first time I felt funny. I looked around and everybody had no clue what they were doing," Toney said.

Gradoville thought that he would like to continue the yoga in the future. He said, "It is something I would really like to see the team do each year." *spread by Sheena Wendel*

Sophomore Lori Bjork jumps to her highest possible height, as Ankeny opponents Nikki Weaben, Megan Wintcup and Kelsey Hood look up in awe. By the completion of the season Bjork had accumulated 339 points for varsity, which made her the largest scorer. Bjork also led in assists and steals. It was her second year on varsity. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Making a sharp left, sophomore Beth Roose attempts to pass her Roosevelt opponent, Stacey Hunnell. Roose felt that new leadership helped the team improve team unity and made everything come together. She thought it was a challenge to hang with the best teams. She had played basketball for eight years. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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Stretched out, senior Meredith Mertz goes to work with the team. She said, "Yoga helps people take a break from their busy lives to relax. It's a time to just feel good about yourself. Plus, it keeps your body healthy longer." photo by M. Putney



Flying through the air while grasping onto the ball, freshman Taylor Vestal attempts to make a lay-up. Vestal was on the A team and felt that the biggest challenge was competing to be on the A team. She felt that the competition was a continuation from previous years. photo by M. Putney



Senior Megan Schonhorst jumps higher than her opponent in the JV game against Urbandale. For Schonhorst the hardest part of the year was when she thought she tore her cartilage as she had done in the previous season. If the cartilage was torn she would have had to have surgery. However, it was a false alarm. photo by Matthew Putney

Lizz Swanson



Junior Lizz Swanson positions herself to shoot, takes the shot and scores two points for the home team in the Dec. 6 varsity game against Urbandale. They beat Urbandale 58-33. Swanson has played

basketball for six years. She said she enjoyed seeing the improvement that the team made from one game to the next. "It was hard to have to learn to play with people other than juniors," Swanson



said. The teams final record was 14-9. They fell short of going to state by a seven-point loss to Ankeny, the defending state champions, who won their second consecutive state victory. photos by Matthew Putney



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Sports





Coach Michelle Tracy explains to the varsity boys what lanes they are assigned to play at. At meets, they played two rounds. The first round, there are two games, ten frames each. The second round they played five games of baker, where each of the five players bowl two frames games. photo by Matthew Putney

The family sport and the family business

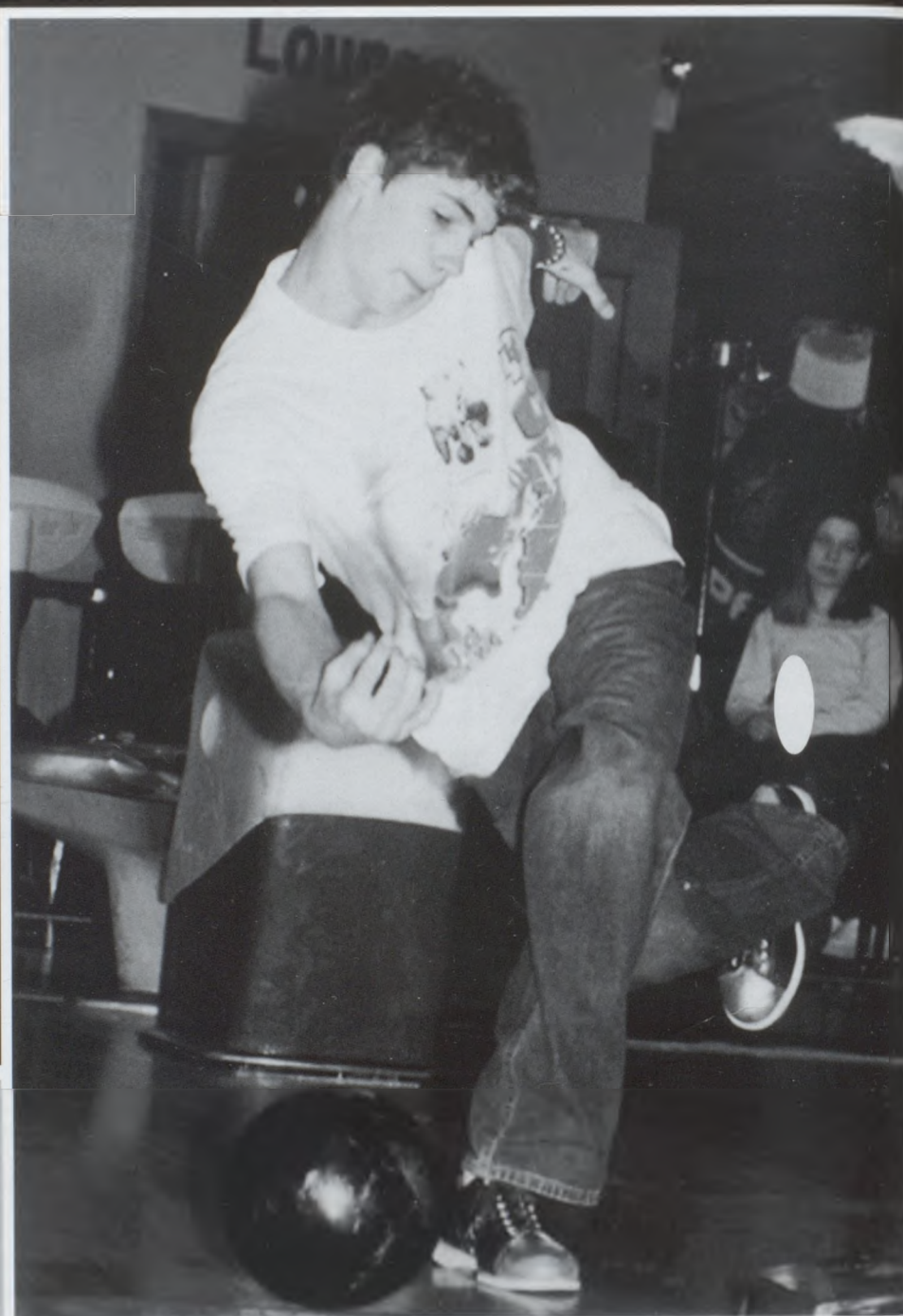
At the age of three, freshman Brandon Thompson was introduced to bowling by his grandfather. Since then he participated in related activities: the team, leagues at Plaza Lanes and practiced in his spare time. His goal was a 300, a perfect game with all strikes.

When Brandon was younger he competed in bumper bowling leagues in Texas and in Missouri. When he played in high school his highest score was 279 and his average score was 185.

Brandon's family has owned Plaza Lanes since 1957. His grandfather owned it until he passed away in 1980, giving the business to his wife. During that time Randy Thompson, Brandon's father, owned bowling alleys in Missouri and in Texas. Brandon and his family moved back to Iowa and Randy took over Plaza Lanes for the first time in 1998.

Brandon continued to bowl throughout his life, and hoped to continue and to receive a college scholarship for his scores. He also thought about taking over the family business. spread by Alicia Corron

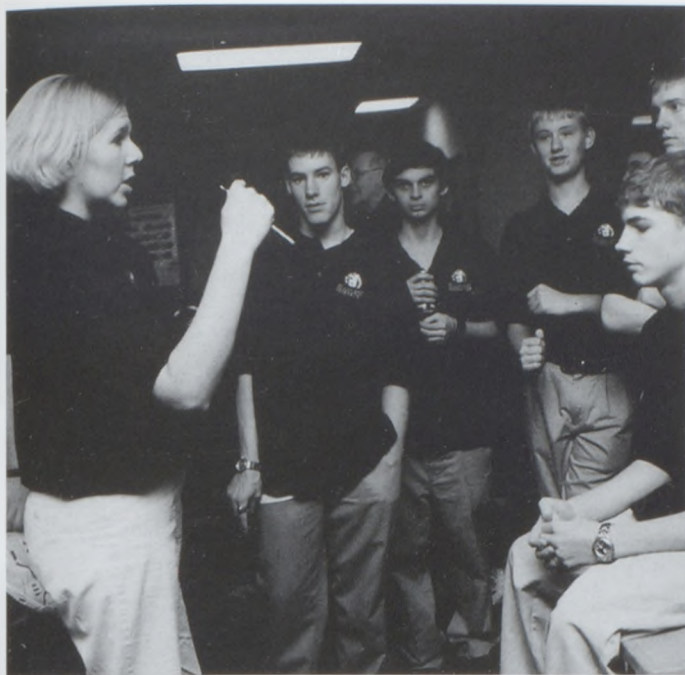
Sophomore Justin Olson's ball rolls down the lane, as he hopes for a strike. He had been bowling for 13 years thanks to his father, owner of Merle Hay Lanes, and his brother, sophomore Greg Olson. Greg inspired him to get better, when he shot a game of 300, Justin wanted to shoot that well also. photo by Cyrus Andrews



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Punching in another name, senior Jennifer Goellner types on the computer before they were to begin the meet against Urbandale. "I think the girls' team became friends. We all have to be friends to be a good team," said Goellner. The team had a score of four wins and six losses. photo by Matthew Putney



B



At the jv meet against Urbandale, sophomore Ryan Murphy pulls his gameball out of his bag. The jv team had eight wins and two losses. "The bowling team was good, but sometimes we had a little trouble. I think if everyone had a better attitude we would go farther," said Murphy. photo by Matthew Putney



Releasing the ball just before the foul line, junior jv player T.R. Nelson finishes his approach. Nelson played on the league at Merle Hay Lanes and on the school team for two years. The Merle Hay league consisted of four Johnston players: sophomores Greg and Justin Olson, Glenn Krantz and Nelson. photo by Cyrus Andrews

Glenn Krantz



The pins are the focus as sophomore Glenn Krantz starts his advancement to the lane. He participated in Merle Hay Lanes' league and was bowling against Twisted Metal, a league from Urbandale.

According to Krantz, he tries to keep in mind his main goal, getting a strike, as he bowls. "I think about what I'm going to do before I bowl," said Krantz. This usually helped him do well when he started his approach.



Krantz had been bowling for two years and continued because "it passes the time," said Krantz. His highest score was a 247 which he earned playing with his friends on the league. photos by Cyrus Andrews

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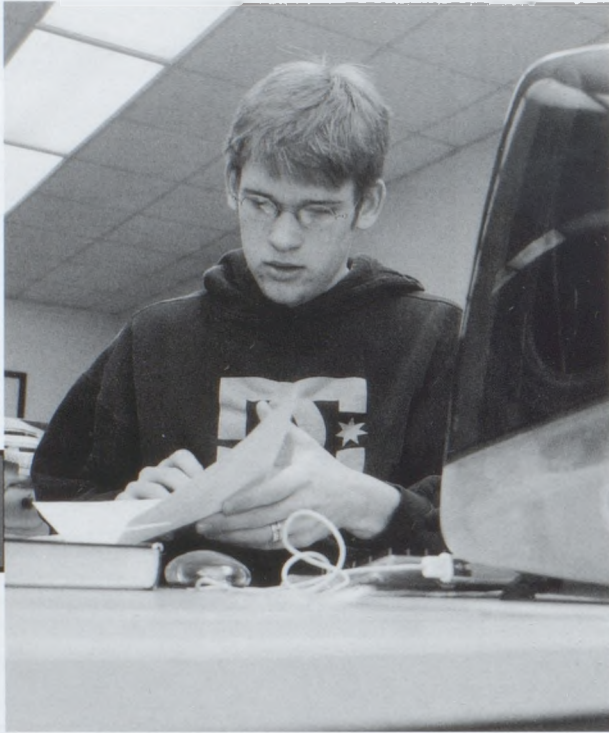
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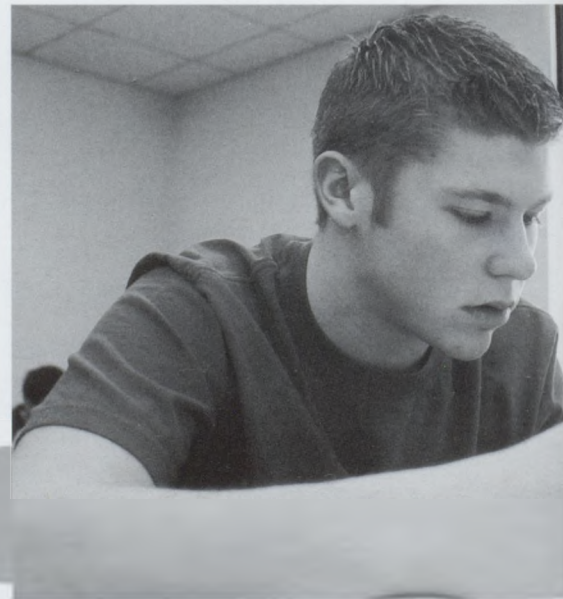


Grabbing his paper, senior Bryan Crosser works in his Accounting II class. Crosser chose to take business classes in high school because he planned on attending the University of Northern Iowa and majoring in accounting. "I wanted to get as many business classes as possible over with in high school so I wouldn't have to take them in college," said Crosser. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Sitting in her seventh hour introduction to business class, freshman Kourtney Roberts bites her thumb nail while trying to figure out a problem on her worksheet. She was reviewing for a unit test on paying back interest. Roberts said the unit was pretty hard for her because it worked with basic algebra, more than other units. *photo by Afton Simpson*



Junior Nathan McGinnis works on an assignment during his law for business and personal use class along side classmate junior Chris Simily. McGinnis and classmates were preparing for an upcoming test. "I took the class to get a better understanding of all the laws so I would be able to exercise my rights in everyday life," said McGinnis. *photo by M. Putney*



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Helping junior Derek Deer, teacher Tim Brickley laughs through a problem in web design. Web design is a class based on helping students get a better understanding of web page development and also basics in design, according to Brickley. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Showing junior Jason Holland how to set up to print a poster, teacher Michelle Vos points at the computer screen. Holland had waited days to print his made up band promotional poster he made and Vos helped him set the paper proportion size. *photo by M. Putney*



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Computer Laughs

Students find humor in technology classes

Matthew Stange, '04



"Mr. (Tim) Brickley always tries to make jokes in class and one day we were supposed to draw a pear in class and he said, 'Speaking of pears, I got a great pear the other day from the athletic office. It tasted great.' It was funny about the first five or six times."

Russ Wiskerchen, '05



"One day in computer applications we were all just sitting around and some freshman put his legs up on the table and was leaning back in his chair and all of a sudden he falls backward, like his whole chair tips over. It was so funny the whole class was laughing at him."

Chelsea Wenndt, '06



"The weirdest thing that Mr. (Brent) Ksiazek does on an everyday basis is that he has us use a phone book for a bathroom pass. I had to use it the other day and I got some pretty weird looks while I was walking down the hall, and when I got to the bathroom it looked weird sitting on the floor."

The Chris Fassler Interview

Chris Fassler was a junior.

Compiled by Afton Simpson

AS: Why did you choose to take business classes?

CF: To improve my business and to help it go further.

AS: What is your business?

CF: I have a DJ business, with (junior) Eric Williamson. It is called LSI (Lighting Sound Illusions).

AS: What business classes have you taken so far?

CF: I have taken marketing and applied economics at Johnston, and am now taking marketing at DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College).

AS: What is one thing that you learned that you applied most to your business?

CF: The promotional aspect of a business. I learned how to get your name out there and promote yourself.

AS: How did your marketing class help you prepare your business?

CF: It taught me there were other ways to go about doing business. It showed me other ways of gathering information and alternative ways to approach people.

AS: What has been your hardest class?

CF: My hardest class would have to have been applied economics because it worked with stocks, mutual funds and supply and demand, and that really didn't have anything to do with my business.

AS: What style of teaching is best for you?

CF: Hands-on because you can be more interactive and are able to speak up in class, and it is easier to apply it to my business.

AS: Would you recommend any business classes for someone not pursuing a business career?

CF: Yes, because no matter what career you plan on pursuing they all will have something to do with business.

AS: What advice would you give someone who is struggling with a business class?

CF: Take lots of notes, and try to relate everything you learn to the business you want to pursue.

AS: What has been your proudest moment in your DJ business?

CF: We just booked a big gig for this summer at Express Yourself Dance Studio.

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Academics





Shunning Tradition

Impetuous male paves way for co-ed cheerleading

After catching on to the tryout routine, sophomore Arash Mirian needed to worry about mastering three jumps and a positive attitude. However, it wasn't just the judges that he had to convince that he belonged on a squad.

Mirian also had to convince his parents, friends and other cheerleaders that he was committed. His dad, Ali Mirian was not accepting of the idea. He told Mirian that he was a "basketball player not a cheerleader." Mirian's parents also ruled that sports such as football and wrestling were too dangerous, so Mirian found that cheerleading was a way to be involved without going against his parents. In spite of his dad's disapproval his friends supported him but weren't convinced that others would be so open-minded.

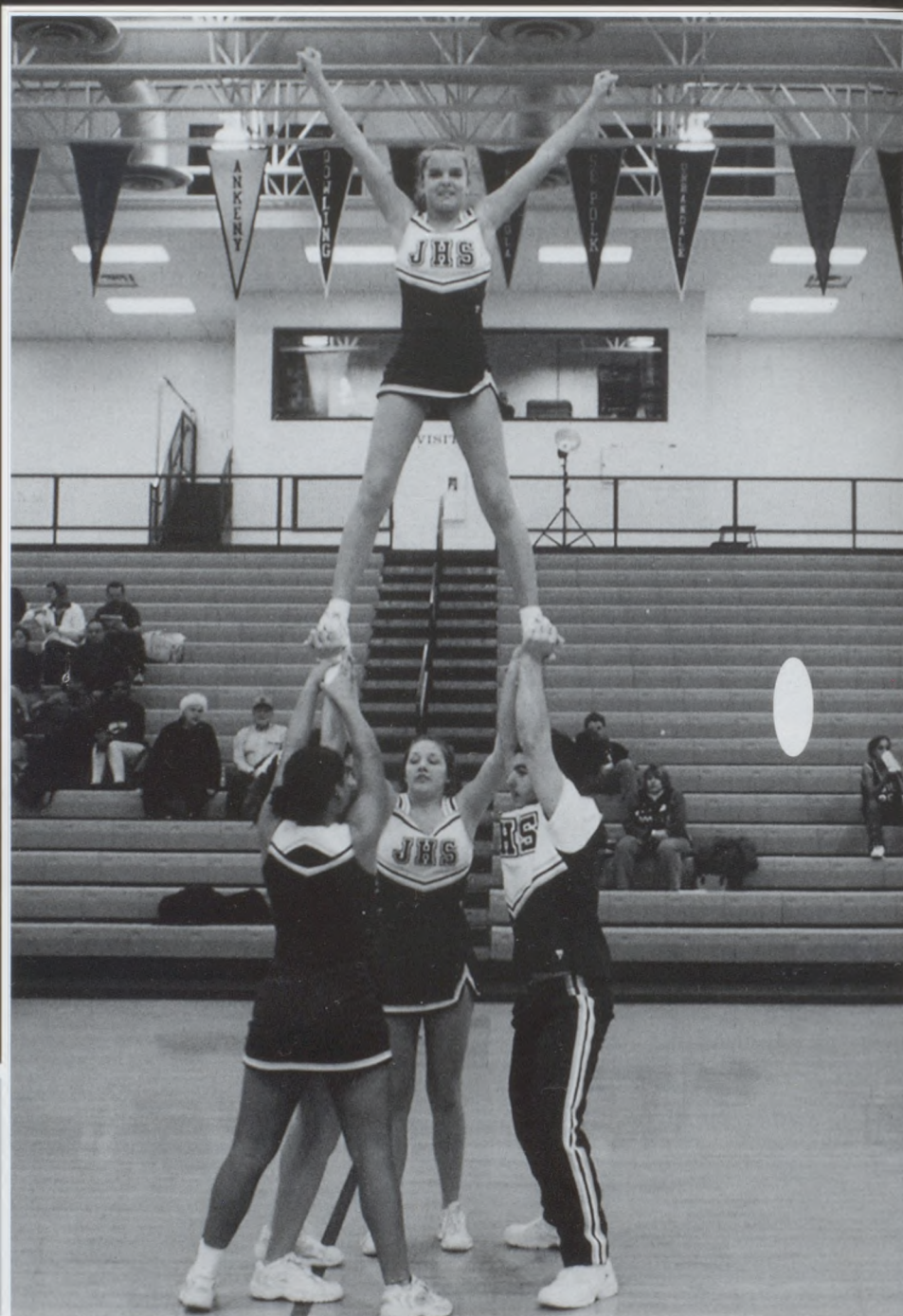
"At tryouts I thought that he was trying to make a joke out of us by making it look easy, though I would of had a crappy season if it wasn't for Arash," said Brittany Westercamp, sophomore.

After making the squad he worked on cheers and stunts. Mirian said he plans on cheering for the rest of high school, and college, if he gets a scholarship.

As for his dad, he enjoyed watching Mirian cheer at the majority of his games. Having been to games before, he thought that Mirian "has a loud voice that adds to the squad; I enjoyed watching him," said Ali Mirian. *spread by Megen O'Toole*

"It's like riding a rollercoaster" said Westercamp while sharing the experience of being a flyer. "Knowing one's feet aren't on the ground, is something not everyone could just go out and do; that's what makes it a sport," said Westercamp. Sophomores Michelle Gunderson, Brittney Kronick, Stephanie Williams and Mirian help hold Westercamp's feet off the ground. *photo by A. Cook*

Up at 6 a.m. wrestling cheerleaders, junior Lindsey Wielend, sophomore Emily Funk and junior Britt Ustred, and the rest of their squad are ready to support the wrestlers for an early morning meet. Ustred a first-time wrestling cheerleader said she liked how they were able to befriend the cheerleaders from the opponents school. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

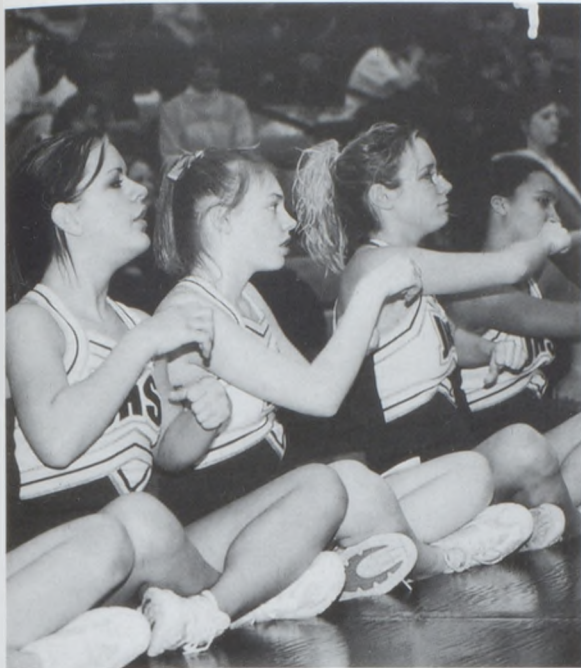


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A sleepover was held at head coach Leanna Shattuck's house for winter cheerleaders. Coach Jenn Albers introduced the evenings events to the group who included senior Stephanie Bottoms and sophomore Brittney Kronick. *photo by A. Cook*



"Give me a J-H-S," cheers senior Kristen Hanson a varsity football cheerleader while revving up the crowd at a fall sports recognition pep assembly. She cheered along with senior Ande Skinner and junior Allie Warner to boost school spirit. *photo by Megan O'Toole*

Excited to be back cheering, optimistic sophomore Alyson Denny participates on the sophomore football squad. Having cheered in middle school Denny realized she missed the experience when she didn't try out as a freshman. Denny said she had to learn the new cheers and there was a lot more focus put on having correct form and a dynamic attitude. *photo by Megan O'Toole*



Jonna White



White performs a stunt, that she's done many times before. She thought the squad didn't accomplish as much in practice as in previous years. Instead the focus was on conditioning and improving technique.

Her hands in the air senior Jonna White pulls off a liberty during a varsity basketball game. White says after three years of being a flyer she's now comfortable with being flown in to the air. "It's about trusting your bases and being able to trust yourself," said White.



Falling into her fellow squad members arms White cradles from a liberty. Schedules were made by the new coaches detailing what cheers and stunts needed to be done during games for the basketball cheerleaders. *photos by Megan O'Toole and Mathew Putney*



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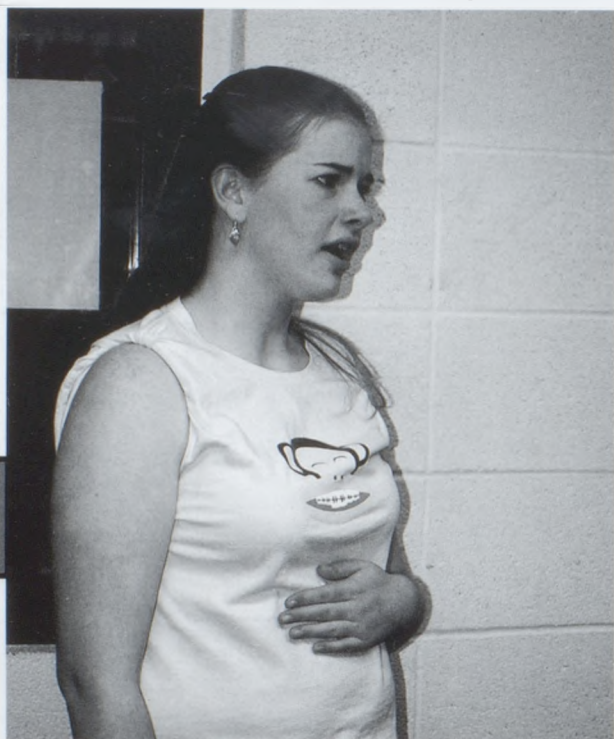
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Sports



Singing for Supper

Madrigal jesting and rehearsal take students back to days of old



Her face lined with concentration, sophomore Whitney Warne warms up her voice at her weekly lesson. She used her practices to work on her songs "Orpheus and His Lute" and "Se Tu Mami" for the solo contest. "You weren't required to take voice lessons, but Mrs. (Jodi) White (instructor) recommended them. I'm glad I decided to take them, you get more one-on-one time to really improve your skills and that leads to feeling more prepared during performances," said Warne. *photo by Marin Viera*

Performing for parents in the chorus room, freshmen Claire Lekwa, Alyssa Ciarmboli and Megan Danielson sing during the pre-contest voice recital. The recital was one last chance for students to practice in front of an audience before the state solo contest. *photo by Marin Viera*



Sophomores Megan Dean and Annie Schwartz prepare their vocal chords for mixed chorus practice. The choir included sophomores, juniors and seniors. "Psalms 100," "You Stole My Love" and "Lux Aterna" were songs rehearsed by the students and performed for the spring concert on April 10. *photo by Blanchard*



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Eyes focused intently on their instructor Jodi White, seniors Caroline Ashby, Jessica Flanagan, and Nichole Kirkhart of the royal court rehearse for the Madrigal Dinner. The dinner took place on Dec. 11 and 12 in the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. *photo by Marin Viera*

Belting out the words to "Go Lovely Rose," sophomore Mike Eittreim prepares to compete at the state solo contest held at Hoover High School. Eittreim sang in a quartet with fellow sophomores Tom Danielson, Mitch Cline and John Jacobsen. *photo by Marin Viera*



Choral Conundrums

Things go haywire in choir

David Chamberlin, '03



"The day of the fall concert I had my wisdom teeth extracted. It was my understanding that I still had to be at the concert, but I ended up passing out before we performed due to the anesthesia from my surgery. I had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance and couldn't sing."

Rachel Broich, '04



"The lights were really bright during our first concert and it was extremely hot. I started to get confused and my vision went dark. I couldn't see Mr. (Brenton) Brown so I tried to walk off stage but nearly fell since I couldn't see. Mr. Brown caught me and I was unable to finish performing."

Sean Coughlin, '05



"During the yearbook group shot for chorus, one of the boys in the back row decided to completely pull his pants down. He left them like that for the photo, but only the people around him knew about it. When everyone found out they started laughing hysterically."

The Mike Stange Interview

Mike Stange was a senior.

Compiled by Marin Viera

MV: You were involved in the Madrigal Dinner, which character did you play?

MS: This year I was chosen to take on the role of the jester.

MV: How does one become a madrigal jester?

MS: You have to try out. When the new script comes out, you can read over it and decide which part you want to try for. (A new script comes out each year written by Paul Brandvik.) You practice a little then read your part in front of the chorus directors and then they assign characters from there.

MV: Why do you think you were chosen to read for the jester?

MS: Well, I've had acting experience from plays in the past and I've had practice leading a group in All State. Plus, I think I am very outgoing and that trait fits right in with the jester.

MV: How did it feel up there when you finally performed?

MS: It's not really nerve racking because you practice a lot. No matter what you know the audience is going to enjoy it, so it was a lot of fun. I was allowed to really let my inner jester run free.

MV: What jobs were you responsible for during the dinner?

MS: My part within the skit was to lead the opening and the ending of the dinner, and to be a narrator. Also, I used my jester wand to keep everyone on tempo so the songs flowed smoothly.

MV: What would you say was the best part of your job?

MS: Being able to present to the community what we all worked so hard on. It really payed off in the end to put on a quality show.

MV: What about the worst part?

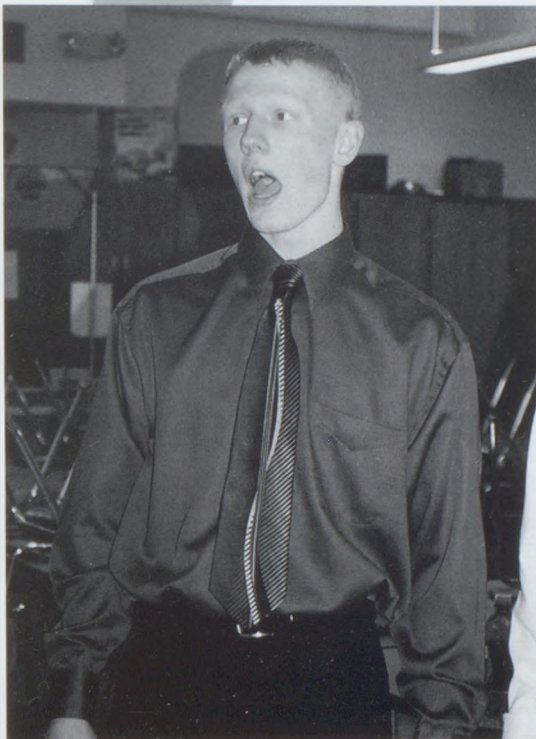
MS: The worst part was the responsibility. I mean, if I messed up my job then everyone would be off tempo or they wouldn't cut off together. It was sort of a burden to have that all on my shoulders.

MV: What was your costume like?

MS: I wore a clown outfit with full white face makeup. I had red and blue diamonds painted around my eyes, and my lips were half red and half blue.

MV: Do you have any advice for future jesters?

MS: Don't be afraid to let it all hang out and remember to stay relaxed.



Running Up²³⁴ the numbers

The team reaches new heights with addition of members

A total of 47 members went out for the sport, the most in history. In the past there has only been an average of about 30 runners.

There were mixed feelings expressed about the extensive team size. Sophomore Mitch Cline considered the number of runners to be beneficial. "Having a larger team enabled us to pack in more dedicated and hard working members," said Cline, "but it was definitely a new experience for everyone to adjust to."

Sophomore Zach Swoyer saw the size as a disadvantage for the team. "There was a lot more competition between us this year. There was also less time to make friends with the other guys and to just enjoy the season," said Swoyer.

With the increase of the group's size, changes were made including the addition of an assistant coach. Patrick Hennes was hired to help with conditioning and motivating. "With Hennes' help we were able to separate the boys and train with them more intensely and personally," said head coach Dave Beason.

Whether or not the size was seen as a benefit, the team worked hard and came out on top. They finished in the top three every meet, with the exception of one fifth place finish. Over all 78 wins and 27 losses were acquired, and they took home 12th place at the state meet. "I knew from the start of the season that we had a promising team," said Beason. "I encouraged the boys to work hard, and we ended up having an impressive year." *spread by Marin Viera and Afton Simpson.*

Speeding past an Ankeny contender, senior David Fella gains momentum towards the finish line at the CIML meet. He competed for the third consecutive year with the JV team and helped them take home second place. "I tried my hardest to keep up with the best runners, and I improved my time by two minutes. I finally got into the 17-minute range," said Fella. *photo by Afton Simpson*

With the determination to make it to state, senior Peter Christakos hastily sets the pace at districts in Indianola. Other team members that competed were senior Adrian Loffler, sophomores Daniel Gillaspey, Kory Ross, Jordan Seaberg, Jake Haden and Cody Fritz. The boys placed third, allowing them to advance to state. *photo by Afton Simpson*



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Bounding off the Urbandale Invitational start line, the varsity runners sprint to pull ahead of their opponents. The boys placed second out of the 12 teams, trailing closely behind Roosevelt. Roosevelt was ranked first in the state. *photo by Marin Viera*



Halfway through the race, freshman Zach Cooper increases his pace as he advances past a group of Ankeny and Dowling aggressors at home. He finished the race with a time of 23:44. Cooper's favorite memories were when they played games (like tag) to warm up during practice and the family atmosphere. *photo by Marin Viera*



Swiftly inhaling his asthma medicine, sophomore Ben Morrill works to leave the competition far behind him at his last meet. "I ended up collapsing later in the race, for the third time this year. I just couldn't run anymore. I felt a lot better after lying on the ground awhile, but I was unable to finish running," said Morrill. *photo by Afton Simpson*

Adrian Löffler



Mid race at the state meet, senior Adrian Löffler jogs along. "I realized the team would make it to state after our very first meet, because I knew last year we'd only missed it by one spot," said Löffler.

Slightly ahead of the competition, Löffler enters the straightaway with the finish in sight. Löffler said, "I was motivated this year, because I didn't want any sophomores to beat me."



Striding into the finish, Löffler emits an extra burst of energy to finish the race hard. With a final time of 17:08 he placed 83rd out of 139 runners, helping the team finish 12th overall. It was Löffler's second time competing at state. *photos by Aaron Holmgren*

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Sports

Leading from the sidelines

Captains support team through injury and illness

The team started off the season by finishing first at home and Ballard. Then, a third of the way through the season, a series of mishaps took them by surprise. In practice the night before the Ames meet, senior varsity captain Holly Ross stepped in a hole and twisted her ankle, abruptly ending her season. The day after Ross' injury, they finished seventh at Ames. "I think before my injury we were definitely dominant, and after that I think the girls lacked a leader and they kind of fell back," said Ross.

Senior Amanda Freese thought the gap affected attitudes as well as performance. "(Ross' injury) made the team's morale go down. They're used to Holly being at the front of the pack and pushing them," said Freese.

The JV team also lost a leader. Senior Christy Ellis, JV captain, was unable to run in five meets after she came down with mononucleosis.

Coach Craig Oldham thought losing runners threw the team off balance. He said, "With runners out of the lineup, it has been hard to be consistent in most of our meets."

However, there was never a lack of support. "I have unique ways of cheering on the team," Ellis said. "I sing songs to them."

Ross also led from the sidelines. Freshman Emily DePenning said, "She's always there to support you no matter how well you do. It always helps to have people cheering you on."

Oldham agreed. "The team members respect (Ross and Ellis) and they still provide leadership even when they are not running," he said. *spread by Stacie Bendixen and Lindsey Lockner*

Giving it her all, sophomore Liz Hilby is about to pass a Dowling runner at the CIML meet. Hilby said her goal was to run the 2.4 mile course in under 20 minutes, which she did with extra practice. Previously the course had been two miles, but was lengthened to 2.4 miles to make the transition easier from high school to college, where courses are 3.1 miles. *photo by Afton Simpson*

Sophomore Megan Samson strides one step ahead of freshmen Jessica Mitchell and Chandra Binnie at the conference meet. While Mitchell and Binnie usually ran together, Samson said her strategy for running was going solo. "I usually went at my own pace because there wasn't anyone to go at the same pace as me," said Samson. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



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Starting toward the front of the varsity pack, sophomore Lori Bjork tries to take an early lead at Ankeny. Despite cold weather and gloomy gray skies, the varsity team came through to finish sixth at the meet. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*



Eyes fixed ahead, freshman Kelsey Brown competes in the district meet in Indianola. After placing 13th in the CIML meet, she was selected for the all-conference team. The top 16 runners in the conference were selected for the team and received medals. *photo by Lindsey Lockner*

Focusing on her next step, sophomore Ashley Raes rounds a bend at the conference meet. She thought the trials of the season, such as Ross' injury and Ellis' illness, brought the team together. "We grew stronger as a team and became closer," said Raes. She thought camaraderie improved over the course of the season as the girls got to know each other better. *photo by Afton Simpson*



Tiffany Wendel Fifi Albathe



Freshman Tiffany Wendel is just ahead of sophomore Fifi Albathe as they run together. According to Albathe, they had a little friendly competition, but the outcome of the races wasn't always the same.

"(Wendel) usually beats me, but I beat her a couple of times," said Albathe. Wendel later found out that the friendly competition between the two of them turned out to be more painful than she expected.



Albathe accidentally kicked Wendel's leg, causing her painful expression. Wendel said her leg had been hurting already because of an ongoing injury. "In the last few races she beat me because of my leg hurting," said Wendel. *photos by Afton Simpson*



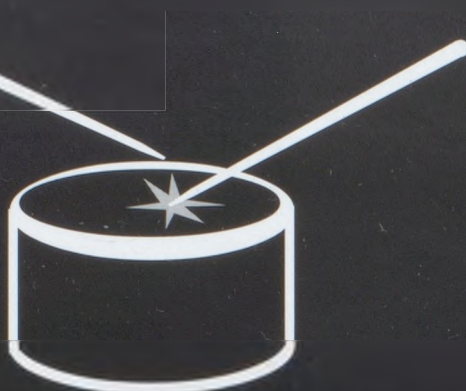
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Sports



Dancing to a Different Beat



JV danz team captain, sophomore Sonja Spray busts a move to the team's hip hop mix. Spray said that the dance was her favorite to do. She liked it because out of all the dances they did, she felt that this was the most exciting to perform. On top of that, it held sentimental value for her because it was the last song they did on Opening Night. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Danz team rolls in the dough and hits the road.

For the first time ever, the varsity girls were able to go to a National Competition in San Antonio, Texas. To get there, however, took hard work and determination.

The first obstacle was raising money. To fix the problem, they hosted their first annual spring show called Opening Night. To raise the money they needed, the team held a bake sale and raffled off prizes during the show, in addition to charging for admission. In all, they raised a total of \$4,000.

Besides raising money, the team had to put in additional hours of practice. The girls had to practice for two months after their usual season was over. Freshman Stacy Syroka thought this was the hardest part of being on the dance team. "It was hard for me to miss show choir rehearsals, regular dance practice and social activities. But it was worth it," she said.

At nationals, the team placed second in jazz and third in pom competitions. "I hope people were surprised when they heard how well we did at nationals," said senior Jessica Flanigan. "It's important that they know we worked really hard to get there." *spread by Kristin Boscaljon*

In the midst of her solo dance, senior Whitney Dominguez performs "Billie Jean," which she coreographed with help from her friends on Danz team. It took two months of practice before the dance was ready. "Everyone always encouraged me to do a solo dance my senior year," she said. "I was scared at first but now I'm really glad I did it." *photo by Matthew Putney*



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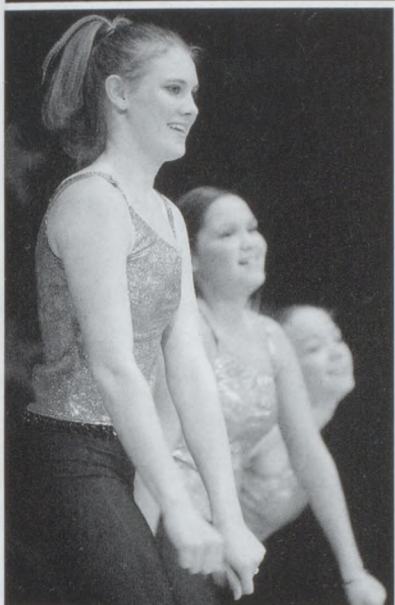
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With excitement evident on her face, senior Erika Stennes leaps through the air at the Knapp Center at Drake University. Stennes said that a change from last season was tougher competition with other school's teams. *photo by M. Putney*



D



Careful not to make a mistake, sophomore Christa Beason dances to the Missy Elliot song "Work it." Beason felt that Danz team was a fun way for her to show people how much she knows about dancing. This was Beason's second year on the JV Danz team. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Striking a pose, junior Laura Mulholland dances with the kids in the little dancer clinics. The varsity team held dance workshops for children who were in kindergarden through eighth grade. The kids had a chance to show their families and friends what they learned in the workshops at the halftime shows of the high school basketball games. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Christine Baker



Performing her solo dance, senior Christine Baker moves with the beat of the music. Baker became interested in dancing when she was five years old and took lessons off and on for four years. As a freshman,

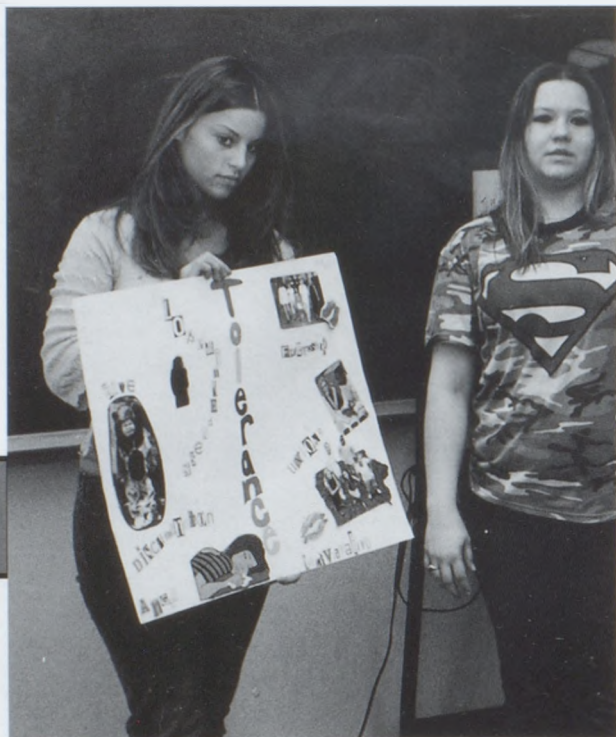
she was already involved in cross country, basketball and soccer. When she saw signs for Danz team tryouts, Baker decided it'd be fun to start dancing again. She made the team and has been dancing ever since.



After graduation, Baker plans on dancing at Central College. Baker said the hardest part of being on a dance team is "trying new things and moves that you've never tried before." *photos by Matthew Putney*

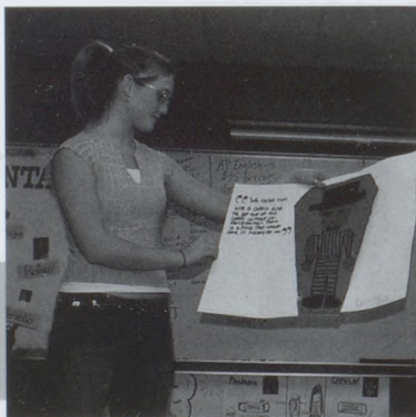
Writing Cramps

To write or not to write, English students choose the former

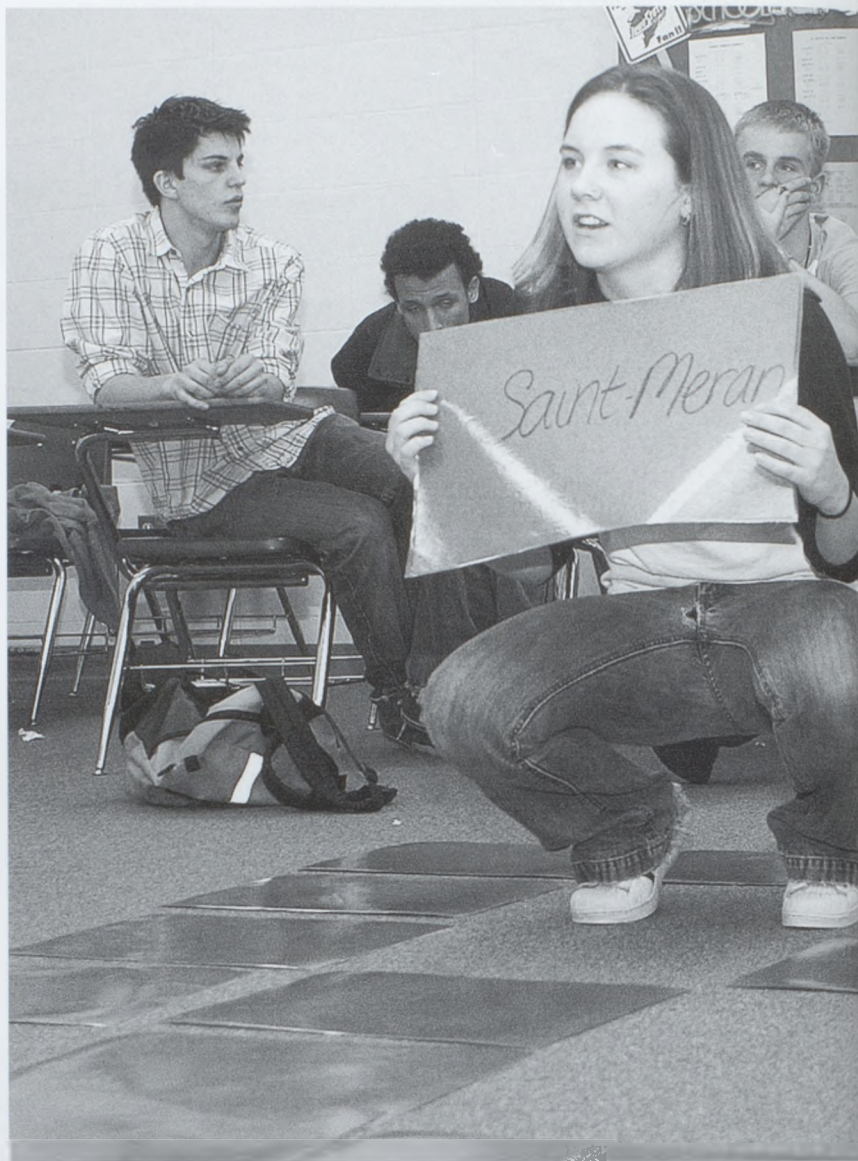


Showing a poster on tolerance during sophomore English, sophomores Danielle Ogren and Jesse Hill give insight on how to have tolerance in the world today. Sophomore English students were to present a skit or poster about a hate topic that is used in the book *Night* by Elise Weisel. photo by Tyler Swett

In an effort to show representation of a detail in *The Glass Menagerie*, senior Karissa Stotts gives her presentation. Stotts' AP English class had a mere six people. As a result, students of the eighth hour class had to work alone on the project, while other classes with more students worked in groups. photo by M. Campbell



After finishing his independent novel *Animal Farm* in experiences in writing, junior Billy Kach creates a movie poster. He said he chose the book because he moved here from a small town, Merville, IA, and he was interested in small town life. He liked the novel but he wished it would have been more about humans than animals. photo by Lindsey Lockner



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Preparing for the test junior Jane Slusark participates in a review of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, written by Alexandre Dumas, for world literature with Cheryl Berglund on Mar. 12. The review was focused around the game Memory, where each student tried to match characters with their descriptions. photo by M. Putney

Working diligently on his web page, sophomore Trent Peterson tries to meet a deadline. For their third quarter final, creative writing students were required to set up a web page that would later display their pieces of work from fourth quarter. photo by Tyler

E

Tall Tales

Students tell stories of English

Rachel Broich, '04



teacher award for her because she was the best teacher he ever had."

Tim Sanders, '05



"One day in Ms. King's (English 10) class, she got mad at (sophomore) Kyle Landsburger and asked him if he wanted to be the teacher. He said yes and Ms. King let him teach. He read out loud to us and helped us with vocabulary words that we didn't know or needed help with."

Colby Elmit, '06



"In Freshman English, (freshman) Peter Holmgren will always try to use big vocabulary words to make himself sound smart. But it never works because he doesn't use them right and pronounces them wrong and it makes him sound stupid."

The Justin Young Interview

Justin Young was a junior.

Compiled by Tyler Swett

TS: Give me a brief description of the winter play *Jabba High*.

JY: Well, (senior) Adam Gray and I were nerds who get pushed around a lot. Gray likes a cheerleader and tries to hang out with her and the jocks try to stop him from going out with this girl. Then in the end after high school they reunite and it shows how everyone ended up.

TS: Where did you get the idea to write the play?

JY: What we do in drama for the final is we have to give a play for the school. The class didn't like any of the plays that (Phyllis) Caswell had to choose from so we decided to write our own play. I was the one who wrote it and everybody helped me out during the whole process.

TS: What did Mrs. Caswell think of the idea?

JY: She really encouraged the whole thing. She told us that we could write a play by ourselves as a class.

TS: How long did it take to write out the play?

JY: I took about three days to get the whole play down on paper. Then we had to start to edit and move things around to make things work.

TS: What were the challenges of writing the play?

JY: Well there were thirteen people in the class and we had to get everyone a part and still make it funny and make sense.

TS: What was your favorite part of the whole process?

JY: Everyone got to add what they wanted, it wasn't just my idea, everybody got their say in how the play would go, everybody got their piece of it down. It was fun for everybody.

TS: What was it like to see and have a part in the play that your class wrote?

JY: It was really cool because everybody did a good job performing and it turned out really funny.

WOULD WE CRASH WITHOUT WOODLEY?

New coach inspires players to new heights

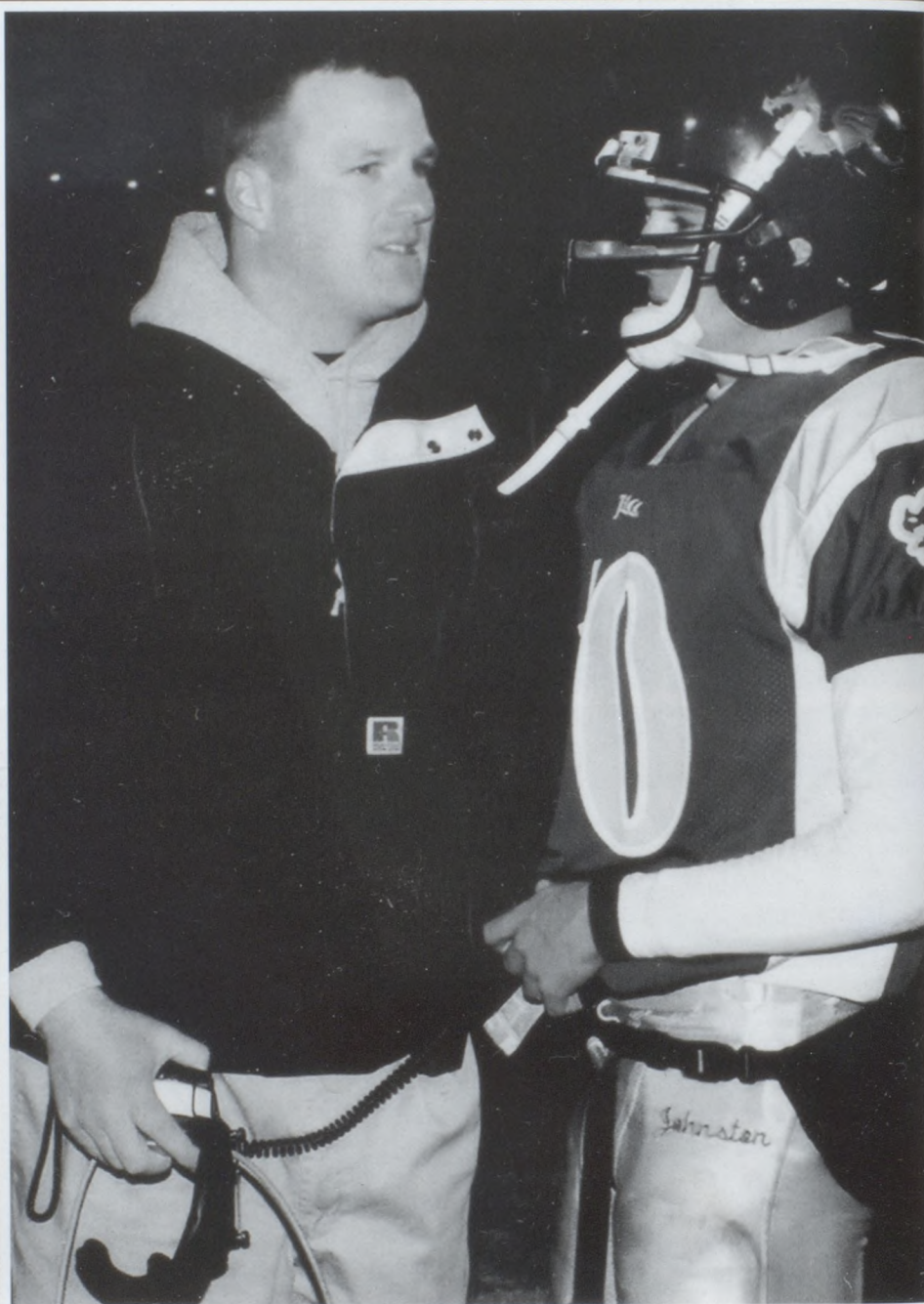
After losing coach Spence Evans, Brian Woodley was hired to take over. Woodley, who previously coached at Dyersville-Beckman High School, which was class 2A, said his decision to come was based on his desire to coach class 4A and get closer to family.

Woodley brought a philosophy of hard work, playing to win, and passion for the game to the program according to junior wide receiver, Luke Bengtson. Bengtson also thought that Woodley brought a sense of confidence to the team. "We have a great senior class, and if there is a year to turn the program around, this is it," said Bengtson, "Woodley came in with the attitude that we could win every game we played, and that carried over to the players."

After working out five days a week during the summer, three of running and two of lifting, the team started off 2-0 by beating North and then Newton. After losing their next game to Mason City, the group bounced back to beat Council Bluffs Jefferson, winning their first homecoming game since joining the CIML in 1998. The team finished 5-4. Bengtson said, "With the team having our first winning season since joining the CIML, it's changed people's attitudes. People aren't ashamed to say they play for Johnston anymore." *spread by Matthew Putney and Brittany Parker*

Talking to junior quarterback Derek Retherford after the win against Urbandale, coach Brian Woodley congratulates his player. Woodley started his career playing football and baseball for Cedar Falls High School, and then continued playing at St. Ambrose University. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Celebrating a win after the game against Urbandale, junior Zack Moses hugs his teammate, junior Paul Peppmeier. The game went into triple overtime and they won 41-36. It had been four years since they defeated Urbandale. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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Horizontal in the air, senior Pat Ryerson stretches for the ball. Although Ryerson didn't catch the ball, he helped varsity top Newton 36-35 for the team's second win of the year. photo by M. Putney



Senior running back, Jon Evans runs to a first down. Varsity lost the game to Ankeny 14-35. Evans felt they played well together, because they were all very close and had a common goal. He had 158 carries for the season and was one of the captains on the team. photo by Matt Putney

Freshman Jon Shockey extends his hands to try and catch the ball. After coaching freshmen football for six years, Ed Terhune retired. "He was very good. He had a lot of experience in coaching," said Shockey. "The most memorable experience was when we 50-pointed North." photo by Matthew Putney



Stephen King



Dodging the North Polar Bears, sophomore Stephen King, thrusts his body toward the first down. The sophomore team, who ran and lifted weights during the summer, won the game 42-6.

King is finally hit after a short gain in the second quarter. Although lack of numbers was one of the teams weaknesses, he thinks that if they keep on winning more guys will want to play.



Although the sophomore team went 3-6, King, who plays three other positions other than running back (tailback, kicker and punter) feels that the football program will continue to grow and improve in the future. photos by Matthew Putney



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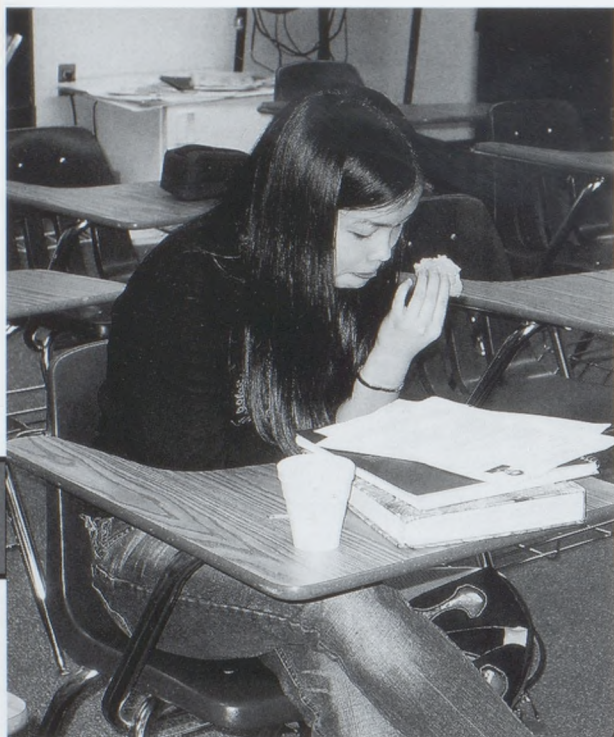
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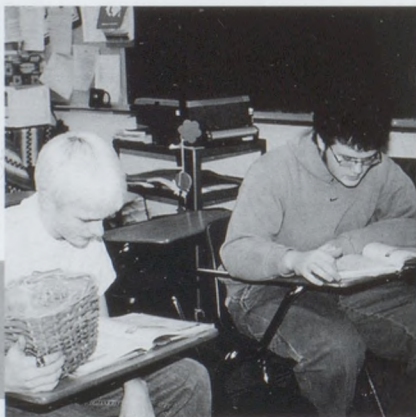
Breaking down Barriers

Students make connections with cultures around the world

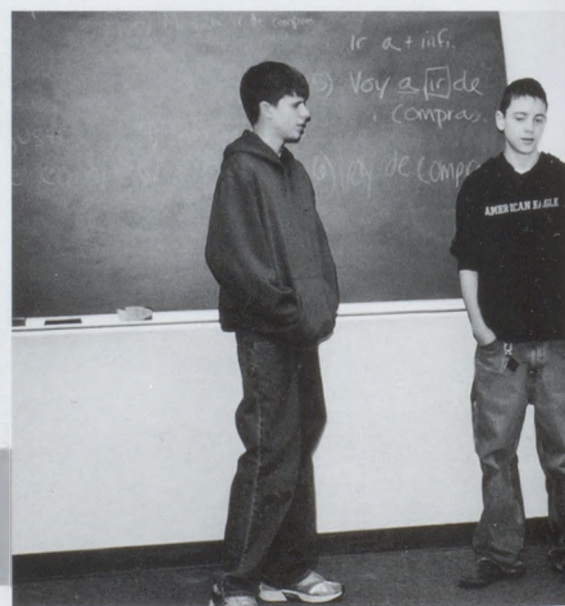


Enjoying her refreshments, sophomore Erin Turner learns about the French family she will be staying with on a trip to France over spring break. The trip was sponsored by French teacher Mary Moermond. The 14 students split up to stay with families in Saint-Etienne, France for the first part of the trip, then came back together to sightsee in Paris. Moermond offered milk and cookies as an incentive for students going on the trip to attend the informational meeting. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*

Concentrating intently, sophomores Mitch Cline and Alex Nelson review together for an upcoming French II test. They attempted to memorize information for the test by making up raps with random vocabulary words from the chapter. "Raps are cool, because they make French fun," said Cline, "It's pretty boring otherwise." *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



Trying to remember their lines, freshmen Nathan Peterson and Rachel Behnke and sophomore Ryan Phillips perform a skit in Spanish I. Students had three options for skit topics. They could choose between discussing schedules or weather, or having a conversation with a foreign exchange student. The students were required to memorize their skits and speak with Spanish accents. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



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Juniors Ashleigh Freese and Brianne Wall strategize for a game of Scattergories® in Spanish III. The object was to come up with a Spanish word starting with a certain letter for each category, such as colors or articles of clothing. *photo by Sheena Wendel*

"Gosh, Mom, I just forgot the oven was on..." Seniors Leslie Rittieroot and Rachel Mullen rack their brains for excuses during their dialogue in AP French. They had to play roles where a student explained to their parent why the house caught on fire. *photo by S.B.*



The Emily Bibler Interview

—Emily Bibler was a sophomore.

F Foreign Tales

Students reminisce about humorous happenings in French and Spanish

Danielle Larimer, '06



"One time (in French II) we all had French sayings on our desks. Somebody was in the middle, and you say it in English and they have to find it in French and hit your desk with a fly swatter before you say another thing. People got their knuckles all red. It was bad. People are violent."

Mike Pray, '04



"My (Spanish III) teacher Mrs. (Marty) Pierce was gone for an entire week once. The week was pretty much a waste of time. One day (junior) Mallory Rives taught us for about ten minutes, because the sub knew Spanish but she wasn't much help. When Mrs. Pierce came back she brought us cookies."

Jay Messerly, '03



"Senora Rash's room has become rather unstable, because of these large cracks that are in her room. All of us (in AP Spanish) fear that the cracks are going to widen up and eventually the school is going to cave in, right down into Mrs. Hukee's math room."

Compiled by Stacie Bendixen

S: Tell me about the trip you're going on over spring break.

E: It's a trip to France for 11 days. Five of the days we're going to stay with a family (in Saint-Etienne), and the rest of the trip going to go sight-seeing in Paris with (French teacher) Ms. (Mary) Moermond.

S: Why did you want to go?

E: I wanted to go because I've been to France before, and it's just so cool, and I couldn't wait to go again. When I heard about it I just immediately wanted to go. Some of my friends are going, and I think it's a good opportunity to actually learn about French culture and what French life is really like, and be able to go over there again and learn a little bit more French.

S: What do you know about the family you'll be staying with?

E: My person's name is Amel Rehailia. She's been to America, but as far as I know she's never had an exchange student stay at her house. She's 17, and she's a vegetarian. They (the family) are probably going to give us gifts, and we're expected to bring them gifts.

S: What do you hope they'll be like?

E: I hope they will speak French to me. I don't want them to speak a lot of English. I want to have the opportunity to speak French to them and see if they actually understand what I say.

S: Are you nervous about the trip?

E: I think my parents are more nervous than I am. They're kind of worried about what's going on in Europe and the Middle-East, but I'm not that worried about it. I figure in the 11 days I'm over there, nothing's really going to happen.

S: What are you looking forward to the most about the trip?

E: Meeting the family, because I've already been to Paris and I know what that's like. I'm looking forward to seeing the family and figuring out what French people are like.

S: What do you hope to gain from this experience?

E: I want to be able to speak French better, and I want to be able to have some knowledge of French culture and French families. I hope I can stay friends with Amel. I can't wait to go.

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Academics





Taking Charge

Individual takes on leadership role

Junior Brian Allison shot the lowest score during summer tryouts and earned the position as captain selected by coach Frank Sanders. Seniors Grant Andersen and Josh Hansen were satisfied with Allison's selection as captain because they felt he fulfilled the role.

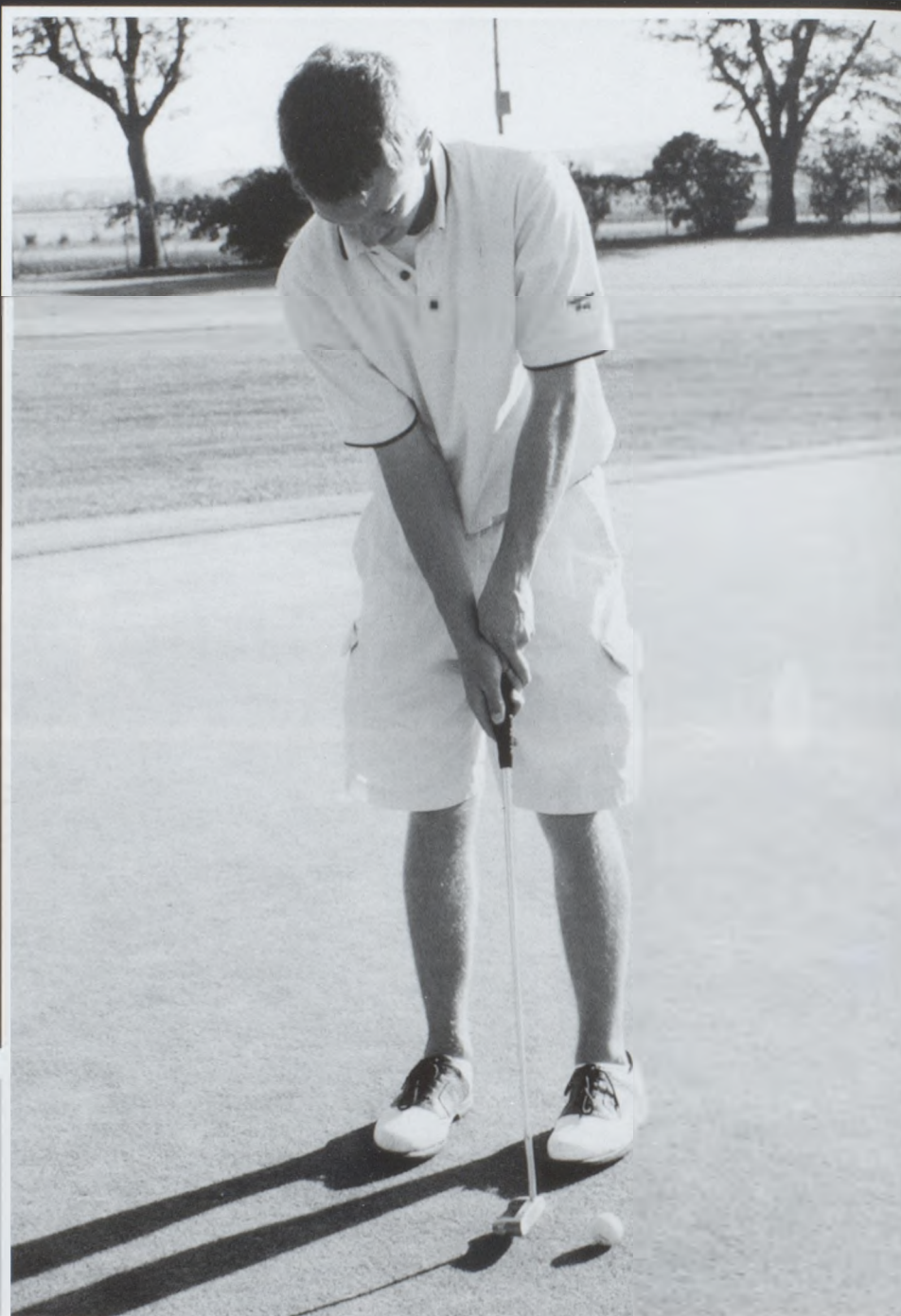
Allison had an average 38.6 points, three points above the 36 point par, proving himself worthy of his position as leader. "It's different from before, after being a quiet sophomore. it (being captain) was a big change," said Allison. "Last year I had no leadership at all and then this year, it's a big change to be captain."

Allison became interested in golf when his family got a membership at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club. He started golfing because his older brother began to golf and he wanted to play as well. Allison has been golfing for about ten years.

Without hesitation, Allison was more than willing to help other teammates as much as possible, according to sophomore Cam Heverly. Heverly also said that Allison helped them with putting, strokes, and assisting athletes that asked for help as well as setting an example through his playing. *spread by Elizabeth Janes and Alicia Corron*

Concentrating intensely on his ball, junior Brian Allison prepares to sink his putt. With the days of putt-putt long behind him, he planned to play in tournaments over summer. After graduation he planned to play college golf out of state. Allison also wanted to play in national tournaments during summer and the school year. *photo by Alicia Corron*

Trying to avoid getting caught in a difficult situation, sophomore Kyle Mentzer sets up for his drive. "The drive sets the tone for the whole game, so when I tee off crappy I do not do as well. I always have to be aware of water, forest and sand traps when I play," he said. *photo by Afton Simpson*



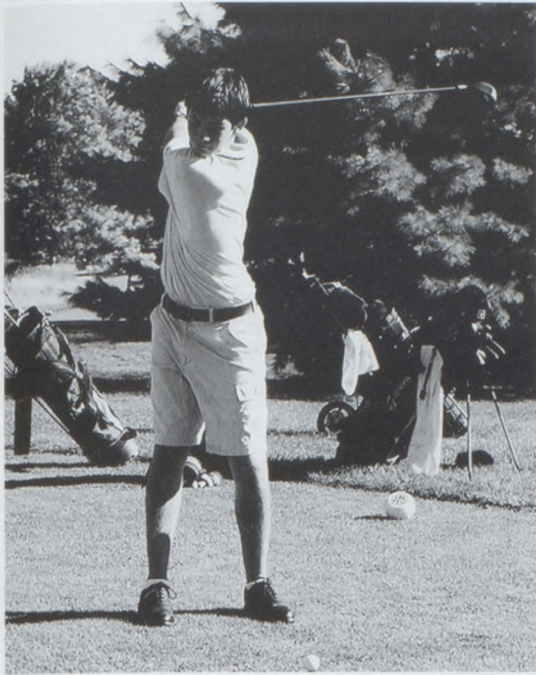
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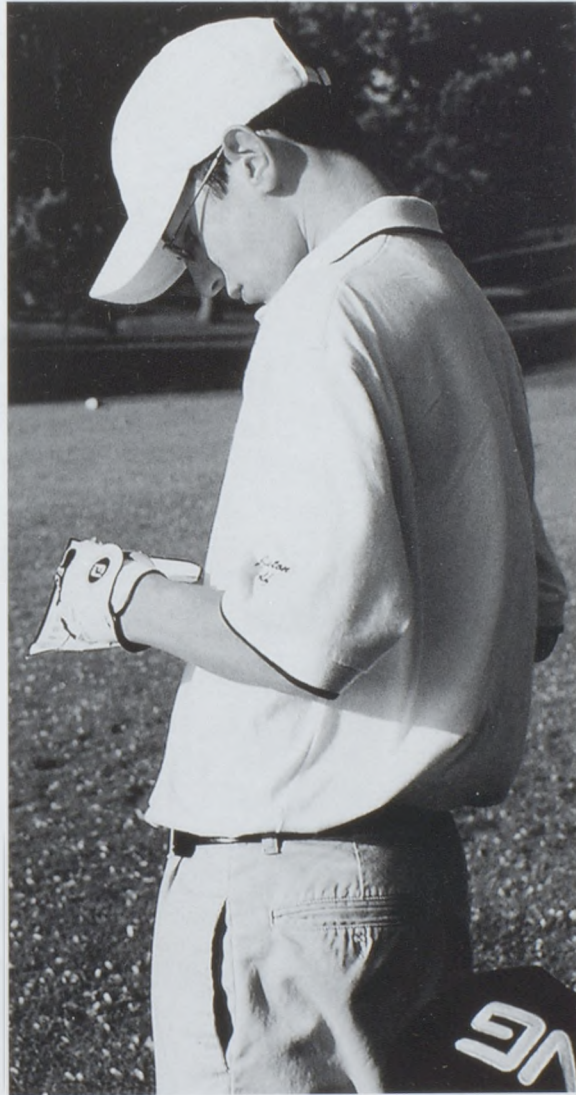
Senior Grant Andersen squats down to see the break of the green. "I read the putt to see the way the ball is going to break, so if they cut the green short the ball rolls faster and if they leave the green long the ball rolls slower," said Andersen. photo by Matthew Putney

G



Playing in a dual meet at Hyperion Golf Course, sophomore Kyle Scott chips his ball down the hill. On Sept. 30, the varsity defeated Urbandale 166- 173. With his average score of 42.5 strokes, Scott was ranked third on varsity. photo by Alicia Corron

Marking his score card after finishing a hole, freshman Jake Baltzley makes sure the scores are accurate. He played on varsity, as well as with the freshmen team which consisted of twenty players. "I had to get to know the older guys," said Baltzley. "It was different playing on varsity, because I felt more nervous when I played and I did not get to play with my friends." photo by Alicia Corron



Josh Hansen



Senior Josh Hansen drives his ball proving what he's made of. "I'm usually pretty good at driving the ball far. I hit the ball anywhere from 250- 280 yards," said Hansen. When he drove on the fairway he either used his wood or his iron. photo by Afton Simpson

Hitting his ball with extreme power, Hansen leaves a chunk of Jester Park misplaced. He was ranked fourth on varsity with his score of 42.9 stroke average. photo by Phil Wong



Putting the ball into the hole, Hansen finishes the round. "I'm not really good at putting. I lose concentration," said Hansen. "I don't know what I am doing and it doesn't go where it's supposed to." photo by Alicia Corron

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**Five make it to regionals,
one qualifies to state**

Since the beginning of the season the girls' golf team has aspired to make it to state. "I felt like we had two good, strong seniors and varsity team, which I thought was enough to compete to get to the state tournament," said varsity coach Steve Smith.

Finishing the normal season with a record of 46 wins and 27 losses, the team felt that they could go to state. The girls met most of the goals they set out to do at the beginning of the season by practiced hard, listening and coming out to have a good time together.

This year was the first time in six years that the team has been able to bring the maximum amount of players to the regional meet, five. Not only did they bring a lot of players, they also had one player, senior Kristina Beswick, qualify for the state meet, the first time in 12 years.

Beswick hoped that she would be able to participate in the state meet, but she was surprised when she actually qualified. Although the team did not qualify as a whole, the team had a few feats of their own.

With 21 members, the team has one of their largest turnouts. Most of the team is compiled of underclassmen who were new to the sport. According to Smith, the team followed the leadership of the seniors and became a group of close knit friends who could have a good time together. *spread by Phillip Wong*

Chipping the ball onto the green, senior Kristina Beswick hopes the ball will sit close to the hole. Beswick finished fourth at the district meet held at the American Legions golf course with a score of 83 strokes for 18 holes. *photo by Phillip Wong*

Unpleasantly the golf ball hides under the cover of a pine tree, while senior Allison Mendrys looks onto the fairway to see where she should hit the ball. "I became frustrated when the ball landed where it did, but once I got it out of the tree I started to do better on the hole. Mendrys shot a 91 at the district meet, helping the team place fifth. *photo by Phillip Wong*



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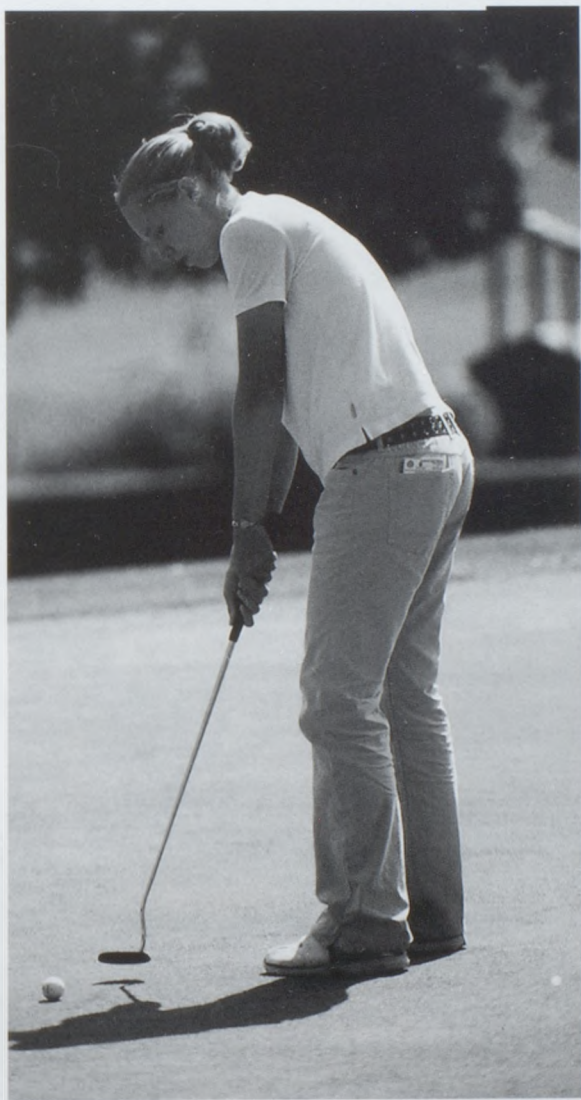
Playing a key role on the team, coach Steve Smith advises the regional team before they begin to tee off. "The biggest role I play is to identify the girls' needs during the meet and provide encouraging, refocusing and support," said Smith. *photo by Phillip Wong*

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Freshman Nicole Jansen aligns herself with the hole as she prepares to putt during the Johnston Invitational held at Jester golf course. Jansen played on the junior varsity team coached by Jason Kirtpatrick. *photo by Phillip Wong.*

Tapping the golf ball in with her putter, junior Tiffany Barz sinks it on the second hole which was a par four. Tiffany was one of only two varsity players that were juniors. Tiffany is expected to continue to lead the team with her golf experience next year as a senior. Players were encouraged to strengthen parts of their game such as putting by attending clinics during off season. *photo by Phillip Wong*



Katie Hull



Winding up to get torque, senior Katie Hull uses her iron to place the ball near the green on the eighth hole at regionals. Recalling the meet, Hull said, "I felt like I struggled because I did not play as well as I could have. If I had one good shot, I would

have two really bad shots." Being sore and tired from other activities contributed to her play, but not having enough time for golf slowed her performance according to Hull. "I regret not having enough time to put into golf,



but coach Smith was always encouraging. He would pull you aside and talk to you personally and ask how your day was going so that you could feel better, honestly he was the best coach I have ever had," said Hull. Hull ended the season, shooting 108 at regionals. *photos by Phillip Wong*

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Sports

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February

17 At senior breakfast students dined on a number of breakfast delicacies including french toast, mixed fruit and scrambled eggs. Words of wisdom were offered by teachers Tim Brickley, Jerry Stratton and Sarah Wessling.

Math

11 In order to spread the word of graduation glory, seniors picked up their announcements from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Announcements were later sent out to friends and family to join in the festivities.

May

23 Bidding farewell to the place where they received their education, seniors spent their last day of class. They spent their final day saying goodbye to old teachers and former classmates.

May

25 Baccalaureate was a time for students to join in a celebration of faith through prayer and song in the auditorium. Opening prayer was performed by sophomore Jason Rude and closing prayer by sophomore Jonathan Palmer.

Cheerleading captain Meredith Evans gently places the squad's trophy in the circle of momentos during the Class Day Ceremony. One student was chosen from each sport or organization to take down a memoir. The trophy was acquired after winning first place at the state competition. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*

With a smile on her face, senior Natalie Davidson says a final farewell to principal Bruce Hukee, as she makes her way across the graduation stage. Davidson was among the 286 seniors to graduate on May 28, 2003. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*



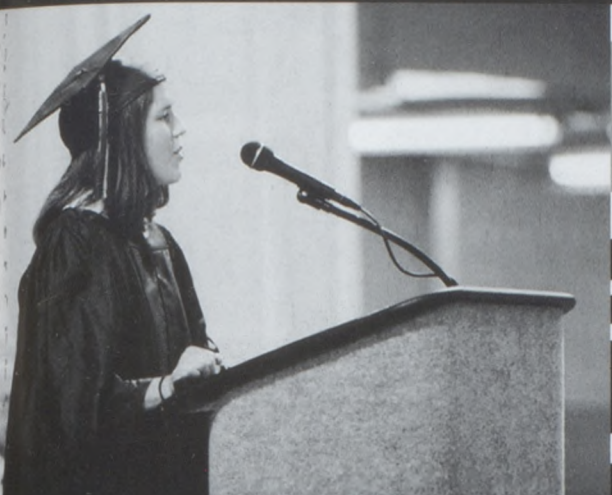
After walking across the stage graduated seniors Shelbi Haller and Jennie Hannan move their tassels to the left. Senior Lacey Young was the last graduate of the class of 2003 to walk across the stage. As she stood center stage after receiving her diploma, Young led everyone in the tassel crossover. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*



Graduation

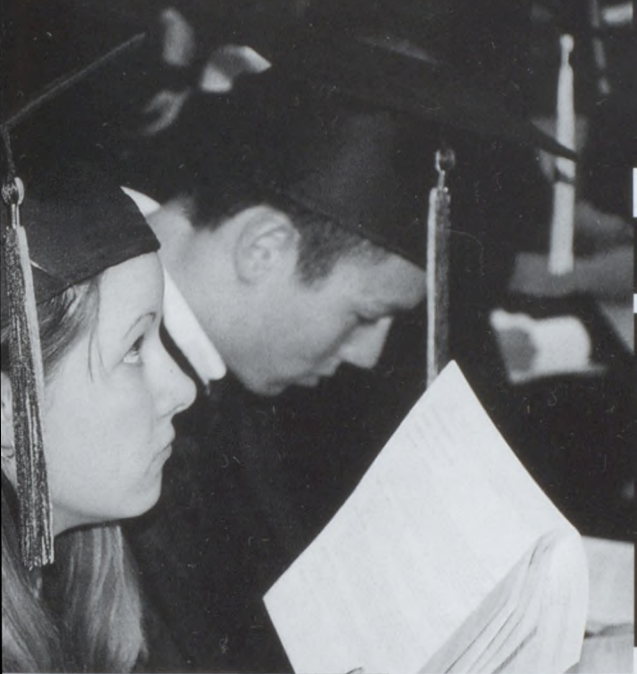
Finally all the hard work pays off. While students probably won't remember how long they studied for finals, or the kid who sat behind them in math, they might remember the pride they felt when accepting their diploma. It's the feeling of accomplishment that makes it all worthwhile.

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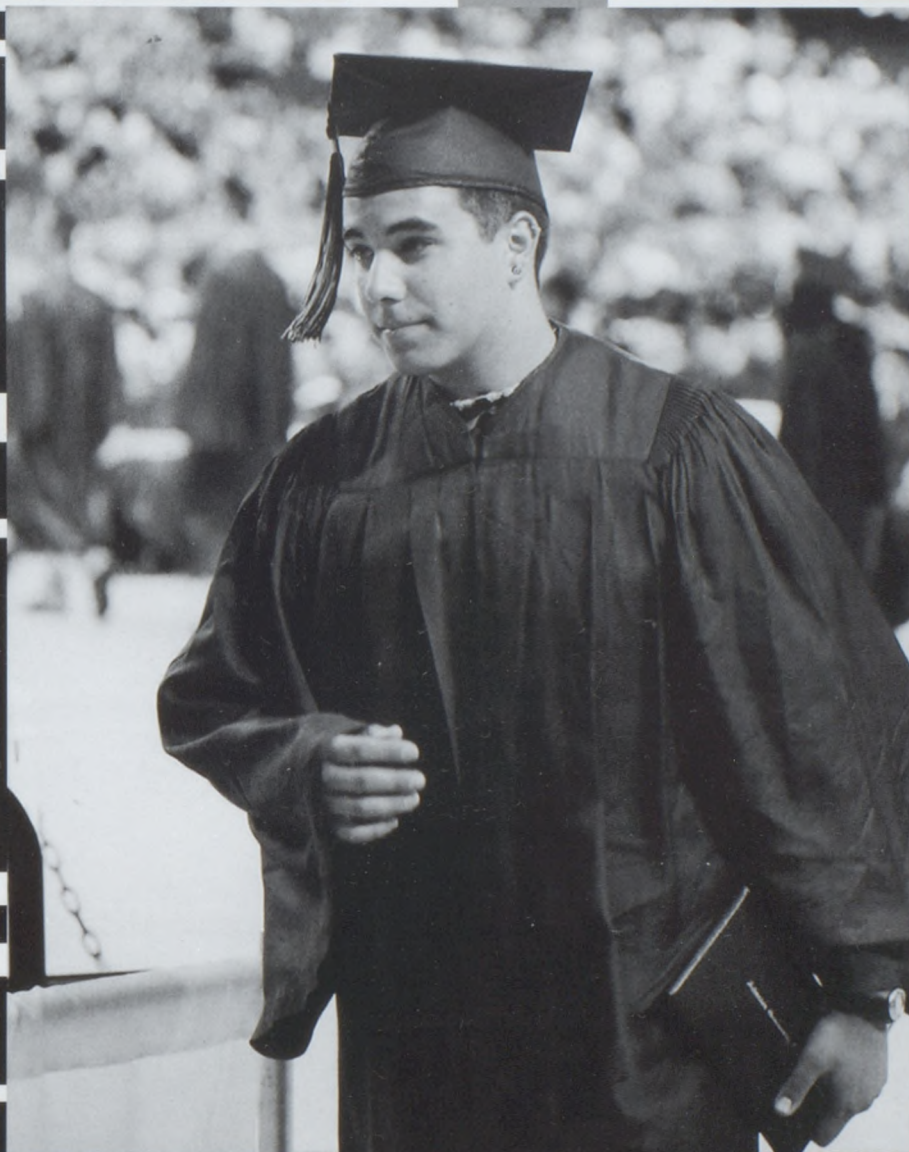


In the midst of her senior speech, senior Brittany Parker gives some words of advice. Parker was voted by her class to speak prior to the ceremony. The other speakers chosen were seniors Aaron Holmgren and Sam Ites. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*

Diploma in hand, graduated senior Jonathan Ceolla makes his way back to his seat. Graduation took place at the Knapp Center on the Drake campus. This was the second year graduation was held there. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*



While listening intently to the Class Day ceremony, soon to be graduate Tiffany Wren reads about the plans of her classmates. Junior/Senior Board put together the book of senior spotlights. Each student was in charge of their own spotlight, which included their future plans. *photo by Justine Blanchard*



May 27 In order to ward off any confusion about the procession of Class Day, seniors and Junior/Senior Board members and attendants spent the first four periods of the day rehearsing for the big event.

May 27 Students pulled away from the building after picking up their graduation attire at the end of rehearsal. The seniors would wear their traditional purple robes and caps at graduation and Class Day the following Wednesday morning.

May 28 Class day was spent with each senior being spotlighted, placing mementos on the gym floor and receiving honors. The new student body president, junior Corey Goerdt, was also announced during the day's proceedings.

May 28 The big moment finally arrived as seniors completed their walk of fame out of high school and into adulthood. Seniors followed the procession by playing with beach balls until they were confiscated by adults.

September 23 The homecoming week began with Favorite City Day. Students wore clothing that displayed a city that had previously been visited, or any shirt that named a city.

September 24 The student body dressed up for the coronation ceremony. Dressing nicely was one of the homecoming dress up days. Dressing up for the ceremony was optional, but attending the ceremony was still mandatory.

September 25 Students dressed in their pajamas while seniors wore their togas, a tradition that started in the 1990 school year. The student body was told to wear apparel that was appropriate according to the school handbook.

September 26 Rock Around the Clock teams wore team-designed T-shirts. Although certain group names were deemed inappropriate, individuals chose to wear the t-shirts regardless. Others participated by dressing in camo.

Homecoming Court

Senior Homecoming Attendants

★ Christy Ellis ★

Leslie Rittierodt

Stephanie Lamb

E.B. Rottenberg

★ Taylor Bryant ★

David Muecke

Jason Ward

Marc Cabrera

Just crowned, seniors Christy Ellis and Taylor Bryant pose for pictures. While Ellis was growing up, she idolized her mother, who also was once the homecoming queen. Ellis remembered trying on her mother's crown when she was a little girl. "I think this will definitely be one of the highlights of my senior year," said Ellis. Also pictured is Stephanie Lamb. photo by O'Toole



Juniors

Katie Johnson

Matt Fritz

Sophomores

Stephanie Williams

Jason Rude

Freshmen

Falyn Tingley

Tim Gannon

Sophomore Zach Swoyer helps set up for the homecoming dance. Swoyer helped by hanging up purple and gold stars from the student commons' ceiling. Other students made silhouettes of a city on the brick columns. Student council member, Corey Goerdt, junior, helped organize the setup of the decorations that went along with the theme, "A Night on the Town." photo by Justine Blanchard



Homecoming

Scheduled affairs include bringing Rock Around the Clock back to the football stadium and a supervised time for students to TP the school. In addition to the administration approved session, some individuals choose to participate in prohibited and unsupervised TP-ing. To top it all off, the Friday night football game ends victoriously with a score of 42-7 against Council-Bluffs Lincoln.

In disdain, senior Sammy Abuswai TP-s the school. Abuswai said that if given the chance he wouldn't attend the supervised TP-ing again. "They should just get rid of the supervisors. If someone wanted to vandalize the school, they could do it pretty easily anyway," said Abuswai. photo by J. Herrmann

Homecoming

Spread by Megan O'Toole & Phil Wang



Jumping for joy during Rock Around the Clock, seniors Allie Smith and Giedre Miniotaite celebrate a victory for their team, The Big Gulps. Smith felt that overall their team did very well. They won all but two of their events. *photo by Alicia Corron*



Pinching his ear, senior Hailey Cahill clips earrings onto senior Jon Evans during the pep assembly. The varsity cheerleaders made the senior football captains dress in ladies clothing. Although he participated for the sake of Homecoming, Evans said he wasn't too happy because, "Dressing like girls isn't something I like to do." *photo by Matthew Putney*



Senior Julie Crow attempts to beat out the competition on the pudding slide at Rock Around the Clock. Crow miscalculated her jump, "It was kind of painful, because I just jumped and slid on the hard ground." Crow's team, Let's Roll, had a record of 1-7. Crow felt that most of the losses were close. *photo by Matthew Putney*

September 26 At 6 p.m., the homecoming parade started. Due to construction to widen NW 62nd Ave., the administration decided to alter the parade's route to make accommodations to the road's changes.

September 26 Rock Around the Clock followed the parade on Thursday night. It began at 8 p.m. and took place on the track. Some games were the pudding slide, tug of war, hula hoop tossing and orange passing.

September 27 Some students wore Johnston or spirited attire to school. That night was the football game against CB Lincoln. The Dragons won their first homecoming football game in four years, since they were in the 4-A division.

September 28 The homecoming dance lasted from 8-11 p.m. The theme was "A Night on the Town." Mullica Studios provided their services by taking candid and formal photos at the dance.

Crafty Kids Create

Students build a softball shed and go-carts in technology classes

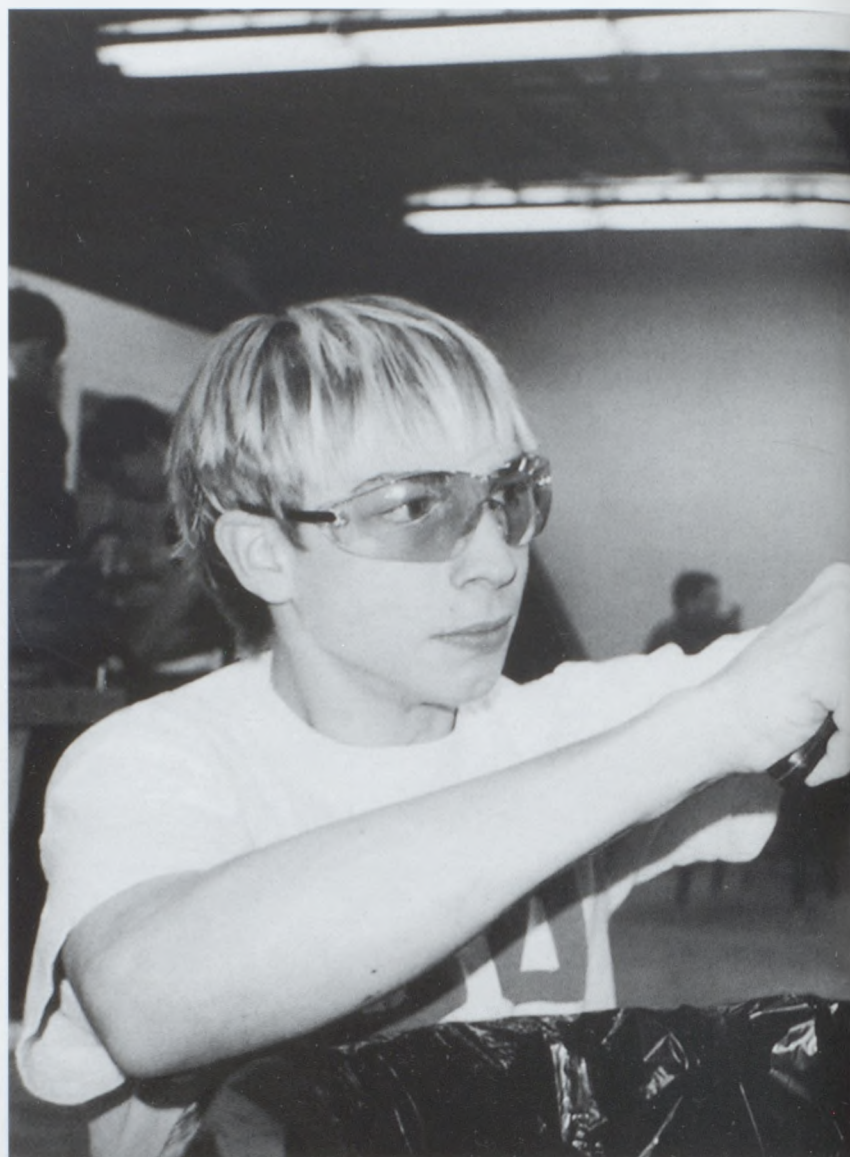


Trowels in hand, seniors Ryan Derby and Nick Stanbrough work with industrial tech teacher Ryan Mayer making the floor of the new softball shed. "We were demonstrating to the construction technology class how to properly trowel the surface of concrete," said Mayer. According to Mayer it was important to smooth the concrete correctly in order to achieve a level floor. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Making sure things line up, senior Dane Bierman lays bricks on a table in the industrial tech lab. The students practiced their brick laying skills inside, and planned on building a wall near the baseball diamond that would hold extra sand. *photo by Matt Campbell*



Gaining experience using different tools, freshman Cory Dennis measures and marks where he will later cut his piece of wood. Students were required to cut a triangle out of wood for practice with saws in the lab before they moved on to building bigger and better projects, such as jewelry boxes, blanket chests and coffee tables. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



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Applying the elbow grease, freshman Logan Fiala cleans a used Briggs and Stratton Magnetron® engine in power technology. The students cleaned engines which would later be put to use in go-carts they constructed. "It was fun to take them apart, but not to clean them," said Fiala. *photo by Matt Campbell*

Checking the meter, sophomore Jake Prine examines an engine coil in power technology. Students tested the coils by surging electricity through them to make sure they didn't leak electricity before rebuilding the engines for go-carts. *photo by Matt Campbell*

Talking Shop

Students share secrets of the trade

Casey Slater, '03



"You should listen to the teachers because what they say is relevant to what you're doing. They will give you advice for what you're working on. You need to

know the difference between a screw and a nail, because some people don't."

Kevin Hanigan, '04



"To do well, you need advanced math skills, definitely calculus. You need to come in mentally prepared for the battle of your life. Industrial tech is the most fun you'll ever have, so it's a battle to have the most fun."

Jeremiah Cooper, '05



"To succeed in industrial tech you have to be really good at math, and be able to think logically through problems. You have to be able to do the work, so be somewhat physically fit. You also have to have really good problem solving skills."

The Erin Turner Interview

Erin Turner was a sophomore

Compiled by Justine Blanchard

JB: What's it like being a girl in industrial tech?

ET: It's kind of odd because there's not as many girls, but it was exciting because we learned new things, like how to fly a plane. We also learned about a four-stroke engine.

JB: Why did you decide you wanted to take this class?

ET: I did it for the credit, but also because I thought it would be a fun thing to do.

JB: Do you feel like you stand out in the class? Why or why not?

ET: Maybe a little bit. The only reason would be that there were only a few girls, but we were treated equal and we all had fun.

JB: Do you like being in a male dominated class?

ET: The first day was kind of weird, but I just acted like it was any other class and then it was fine.

JB: What's your advice for anyone considering taking this class?

ET: You have to have a good attitude, because it's a hands-on class, and if you don't you probably won't succeed.

JB: Do the other teachers treat you

any different?

ET: Not really. They ask if I need help more often. I think they thought we felt odd being the only girls. There were only three other girls in my class.

JB: What's your biggest fear about industrial tech?

ET: Mostly that I would fail the class, but I passed so it was ok.

JB: Do you ever feel intimidated by some of the machines or the guys in your class?

ET: No, I feel that I can handle it. JB: Do you think you will get involved in something like this when you graduate from high school?

ET: I don't think so. I want to go into stadium operations, so I would just use whatever I needed for that.

JB: What are stadium operations?

ET: Stadium operations are the people who run stadiums and do all the backstage things.

JB: If you could build any one thing, what would it be?

ET: I would build something fun, an entertainment center or something that I could use. Or anything that I learned how to build in class.

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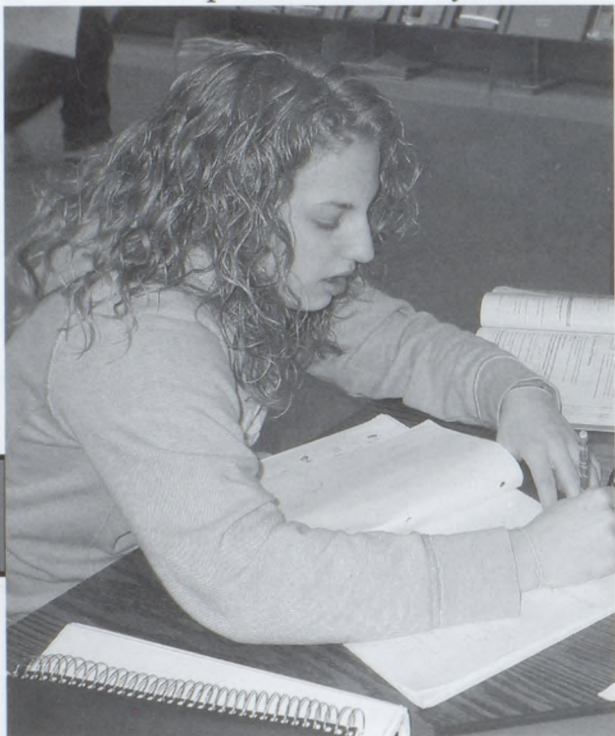
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Academics



Mind Numbing Equations

From ping-pong launchers to the American Math Exam, these puzzlers are everywhere

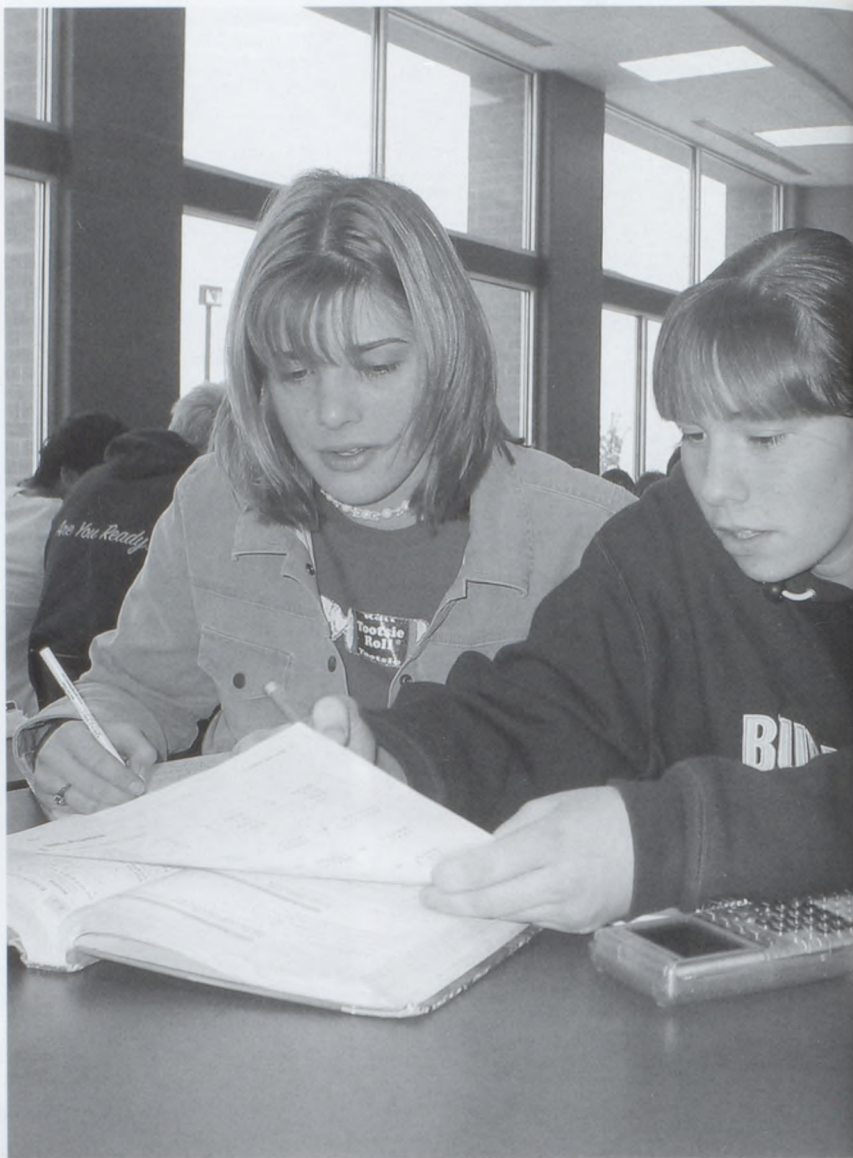


Tediously computing, sophomore Nicole Gibson finishes up her Math II homework in the library after receiving assistance in the math lab. Math lab was offered for all students on Mondays and Thursdays, with a different math instructor supervising and teaching in the conference room each period. *photo by Marin Viera*

Senior Ben Johns sits quietly and scans over his test in the ICN room as counselor Sue Baker reads the instructions and helpful hints for the American Math Exam. Students from Gary Auxier's calculus classes and Steve Smith's pre-calc class took the exam on Tuesday, Feb. 11. If a student's score was high enough they would advance to a higher test level and be eligible for scholarship money. *photo by Marin Viera*



Holding his ping-pong ball launcher in place, freshman Charlie Wigger prepares to test the mechanism. He then measured how far his ball traveled. Vicky Borich's Math I classes made the launchers and were required to calibrate them to four different distances. After their projects were completed they tested them and competed against other students' designs in the gym. *photo by Marin Viera*



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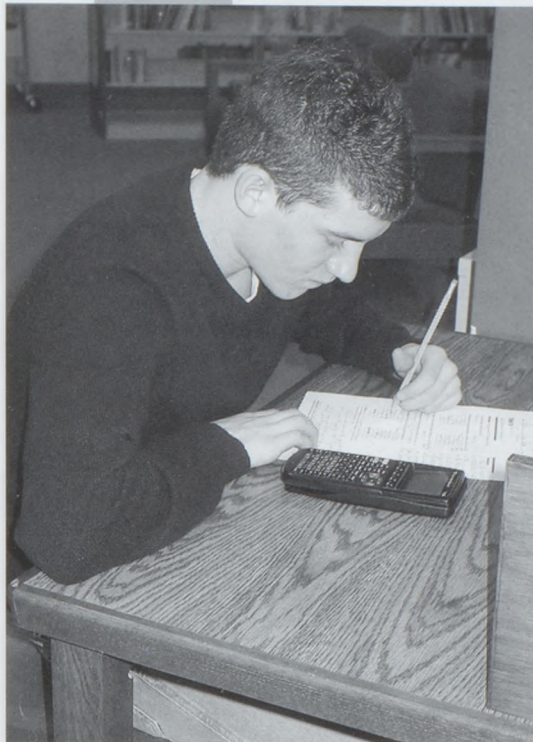
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Masters of computation sophomores Mallory Beck and Jessica Hoover work to advance their math problem-solving skills during study hall. They both agreed study hall was the best time to work on math homework, because they were able to ask friends for assistance when needed. *photo by Marin Viera*

Head down and focused on the task at hand, sophomore Greg Patten works virtually effortlessly in the library making up a math III functions and graphing test. "I enjoy math, because it really seems to come easy to me," said Patten. *photo by Marin Viera*



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Laughs in Math

A collection of humorous happenings from class

Robby Winterbottom, '05



"One day we had a substitute in Mr. (Steve) Smith's class. I was sitting in the back with my elbow propped up on the table when all of a sudden the teacher yelled out from the front of the room 'Stop looking at your muscles and pay attention!' He thought I had been flexing my arm the whole time."

Spencer Morris, '04



"After gym, a kid walked into my math class with Mrs. (Julie) Hukee and everyone noticed he had a sweat stain on his sweatpants. They all started laughing and pointing out his butt-sweat mark, and so then he ran to the air conditioner to cool off and dry his pants."

Ashley Brown, '03

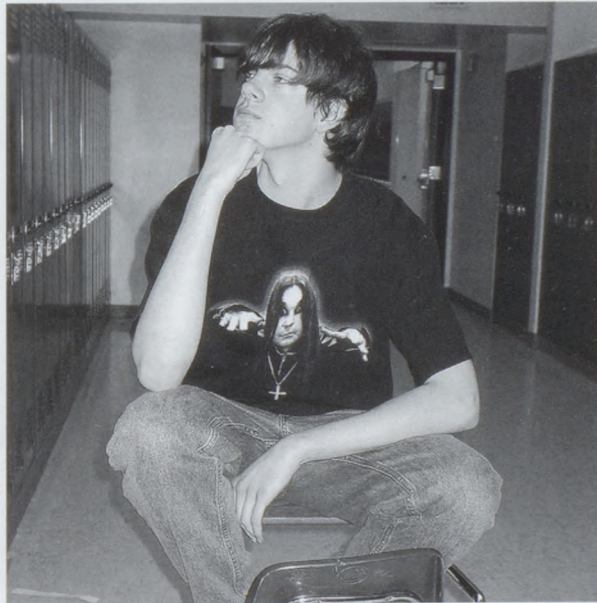


"I was sitting in business math when the song 'Mr. Jones and Me' came on the radio. Mr. (Brian) Reece commented that he had heard the song was about a man and his member, and everyone started laughing. They corrected him and said the song was about a man and his friend."

The Michael Miller Interview

Michael Miller was a sophomore.

Compiled by Marin Viera



MV: Would you say math is difficult for you?

MM: Very. It's really hard to keep up when the teacher is always moving forward while in the meantime I'm moving backwards. It's hard when everyone understands it and I sit there with no clue but I don't want to look like a dork so I don't ask questions.

MV: Do you think you would ever consider a career where math was absolutely necessary?

MM: Not if my life depended on it. I would never want to spend all my life doing math. I can hardly stand these few required years of it. If the only job available in the whole world was math related I would curl up in a corner and cry.

MV: When did your math troubles begin?

MM: It all started in seventh grade when I had to learn algebra. I really don't think I will ever use it anyway, so what does it matter? Each problem takes like half an hour to solve. I don't have that kind of time, I have a life!

MV: Do you have advice for other students who struggle with math?

MM: Well, I have two rules. One, ask yourself if you really care at all. Two, move on with life and forget math. Life is too short to spend doing math problems all day.

MV: What was your hardest endeavor in math so far?

MM: I think it would be paying attention in class. Math is so boring to me that I can never actually stay awake in class. Thank God for calculator games.

MV: What would you say was your proudest math moment?

MM: My shining moment was when I earned an A+ on a test. Believe it or not I didn't even cheat all that much, so I was very proud of myself.

MV: Do you think the math requirement for graduation are fair?

MM: It could be worse, but people who want to should be able to take classes that will come in handy for them in their future.

MV: Any final thoughts?

MM: Someday when I'm rich and famous I will look back at all the time I wasted doing math and wonder why I did it all. So much wasted time.

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Academics



P STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

With help from director Patrick Kearney the band received higher scores at competitions

With all marching band scores at their highest, members of the band attributed their success to marching band director Patrick Kearney's enthusiasm throughout the year.

Before games, Kearney worked to psyche the band up. Junior Kaitlyn Summit said, "He gives us pep talks before performances." Kearney told the band to do their best and to have pride in their school.

Kearney's teaching ability helped him to connect with the students and increase their scores. Sophomore Leah Lundstrom-Yurdin credited her improvement to him.

Lundstrom-Yurdin felt that Kearney was very encouraging and explained things in a way she could understand. "I'm able to play more difficult music better and be a better marcher because of him," she said.

For the first time, the band scored 88.9 out of 100 at the Urbandale Marching Contest. In all contests, the band received an 80 or above.

Kearney insisted that the most important aspect of marching band was bringing out the best in students. "We really want to help them to do the best they can and push them as far as they can go," said Kearney.

Kearney felt that all the shouts and chants he did before performances brought the band up, like "We are the makin' marchin' Dragons!" spread and Alicia



Sophomore Fannie Zhou checks her drum major to keep tempo. "I have to drum meter and count and watch the people around me, like the mallet players. We wait for the announcer and the other players coming in," said Zhou. She played the mallets and the oboe. photo by Michelle Mefferd



Flag about to be opened, junior Jessica Droogsma performs in the color guard. Droogsma enjoyed being in the guard because the girls were such close friends. The group had slumber parties and ate breakfast and dinner together before contests. The guard had their own section of scoring when they went into competitions, which was averaged into the overall score. photo by Alicia Corron



Blowing his trumpet, junior David Blume plays at the Lincoln High School State Marching contest on Oct. 19. The band received the highest possible score of I. Blume also played first chair trumpet in jazz ensemble. photo by Alicia Corron



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Ready to play, senior Jennifer Goellner takes a breath before beginning the band's first song of their halftime show, "Carmen Opener." "Before the game we're not really concentrating, we're all just having fun," said Goellner, "but when we're in the lights, there's no goofing off." photo by Justine Blanchard



With the weight of the band's success on her shoulders, senior Meredith Mertz watches for the tempo from fellow drum major Grant Andersen. "Being a drum major, we keep the band together. We are doing more than just helping the band, it's being a student leader," said Mertz. Senior Katie McKinley also assisted in directing the band. photo by Alicia Corron



With the summer band rehearsal well under way, band director Patrick Kearney instructs the band on proper marching technique and footwork. Kearney directed the band along with Jessica Heidbreder, the assistant director. The band started practices as early as June, but official band camp started the first week of August. photo by Aaron Holmgren

Group Thoughts



It's a lot of work, but competitions are fun because you get to travel around the state.
- Jennifer Peterson, '04



In the drum line a lot is going on since you have to play different drums, and that makes it challenging.
- Brian Underwood, '06

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H JUMPING URDLES

With two members suspended, students stepped up to save the day and helped the team achieve its goal

It came as a shock to the five-year team when two members were suspended for violating the school's good conduct policy and were barred from competition. The regional competition was drawing near and two roles were unfulfilled.

There was a long debate about if the two suspended would return for state. It was decided they would be allowed back in order to have the best possible team to compete.

In the meantime, two roles needed to be filled.

Senior Katie Hull and junior David Blume learned new parts. Both had a week to

prepare for regionals, and according to coach Sue Cline, performed well under pressure. Blume even earned an Outstanding Witness award at regionals.

Blume didn't mind giving up his role when the original members returned. "I had no problem with doing what I could for the team to get them to the state level," said Blume.

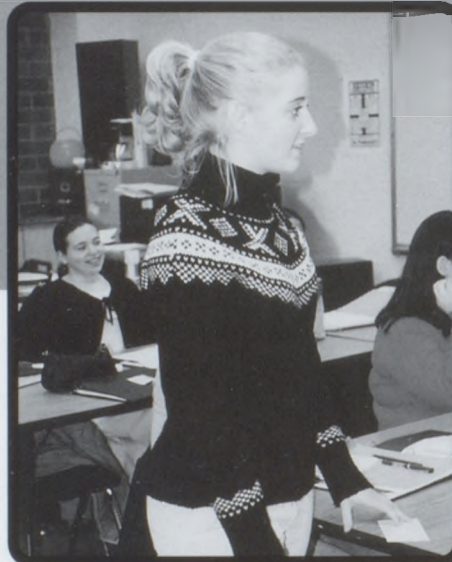
Hull felt the season's struggles made the team stronger. "We jumped over so many hurdles to get there (to state)," said Hull.

Cline thought confidence played a part in the team's comeback. "That's what enabled them to get over the bump," she said.

In the end, the team achieved its goal of qualifying for state and were semifinalists. *spread by Stacie Bendixen*



With wheels turning in her head, freshman Jessie Cordes reviews her notes during trial. "I want to get into law when I'm older and I think mock trial is a good preparation for that," said Cordes. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



Emphasizing her point, sophomore Annie Schwartz questions a witness during a dress rehearsal where the seven teams scrimmaged each other. The trial was a civil lawsuit brought against a university in the death of a student during a fraternity hazing. *photo by S. Bendixen*



Confident and ready to persuade, junior Katie Hlavka prepares for competition in the run-offs of the central Iowa regionals. Run-offs were the second round of regionals, which were held to accommodate the large number of teams in central Iowa. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



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Seniors Katie Carter and Julie Crow examine their scores after the central Iowa regional competition at Drake. Despite missing two original members for regionals, the team won their trial and advanced to the state competition, which was also held at Drake. At state, the team made it to the semifinal round and placed third out of 37 Iowa teams. photo by S. Bendixen



Busily analyzing, juniors Matt Johnson and Jeremy Cordes look over judge's comments at regionals with Cline. The case used for competition was a modified version of a hypothetical case used in law schools. photo by Stacie Bendixen



Getting tips from a master, senior Craig Buske and junior Adam Hsu listen to advice from their attorney coach Gordy Allen. Each of the seven teams had an attorney that volunteered time to act as advisors and mentors. photo by Stacie Bendixen

Group Thoughts



"Sometimes it's hard to remember what witness you're playing because you switch parts."
- Soheila Yalpani, '06



"My favorite part of mock trial is forming the ability to think on your feet."
- Justin Steggerda, '05

PICTURE PERFECT

Senior Matt Putney succeeds as a photographer and finds his niche with *The Black and White*

Senior Matthew Putney, found his true calling when he took photo art and Journalism during his freshman year. Since that time, Putney has gone on to win numerous awards for his photography, including the 2002 Iowa's Hawkeye Photographer of the Year. Putney also serves as the photo editor for the school newspaper, *The Black & White*. "I didn't know how hard the job of an editor was to get people's photos in on time" said Putney.

Sophomore Amanda Cook, staff member, sees Putney's

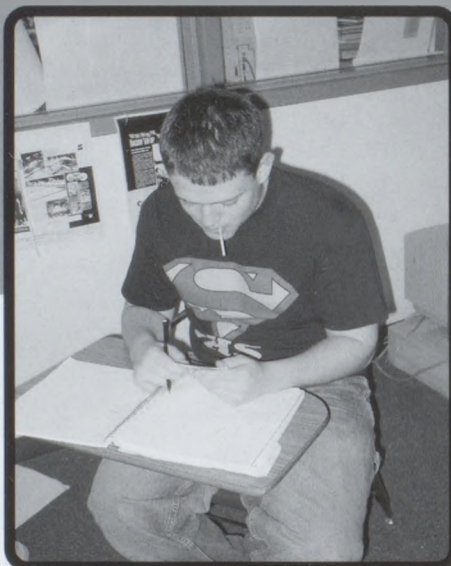
contribution to the paper as almost irreplaceable. "The newspaper will be lost without him," said Cook, "we've got some good photographers, but no great ones like Putney."

Cook believes Putney was so successful because he took multiple shots of the same thing, until he achieved the photo he wanted. That successful technique helped Putney start his own photography business, working as a freelance photographer for professional newspapers, such as *The Ames Tribune*.

Putney planned to attend Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa and pursue a career in photojournalism. spread by Tyler Swett



Seniors Sam Ites and Matt Campbell discuss ideas for improving the newspaper during class. Ites and Campbell wrote an eight-page essay on issues about improvements that they thought were needed. After giving it to Shipp the editors held meetings and completely revised the ideas process. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Enjoying his Dum-Dum sucker, senior Jimmy Cate reviews sports briefs for the upcoming issue. "Newspaper's cool because everyone gets along and we have a good time. Newspaper can really help you out if you're interested in broadcasting or journalism as a career, which I am," said Cate. photo by Tyler Swett



Sprucing up the double truck for the February edition, sophomore Steven Ites uses his creativity. Ites said, "Being new to newspaper second semester wasn't hard for me, because I had already taken journalism twice, and knew everyone on the staff so I made friends easily." photo by Tyler Swett

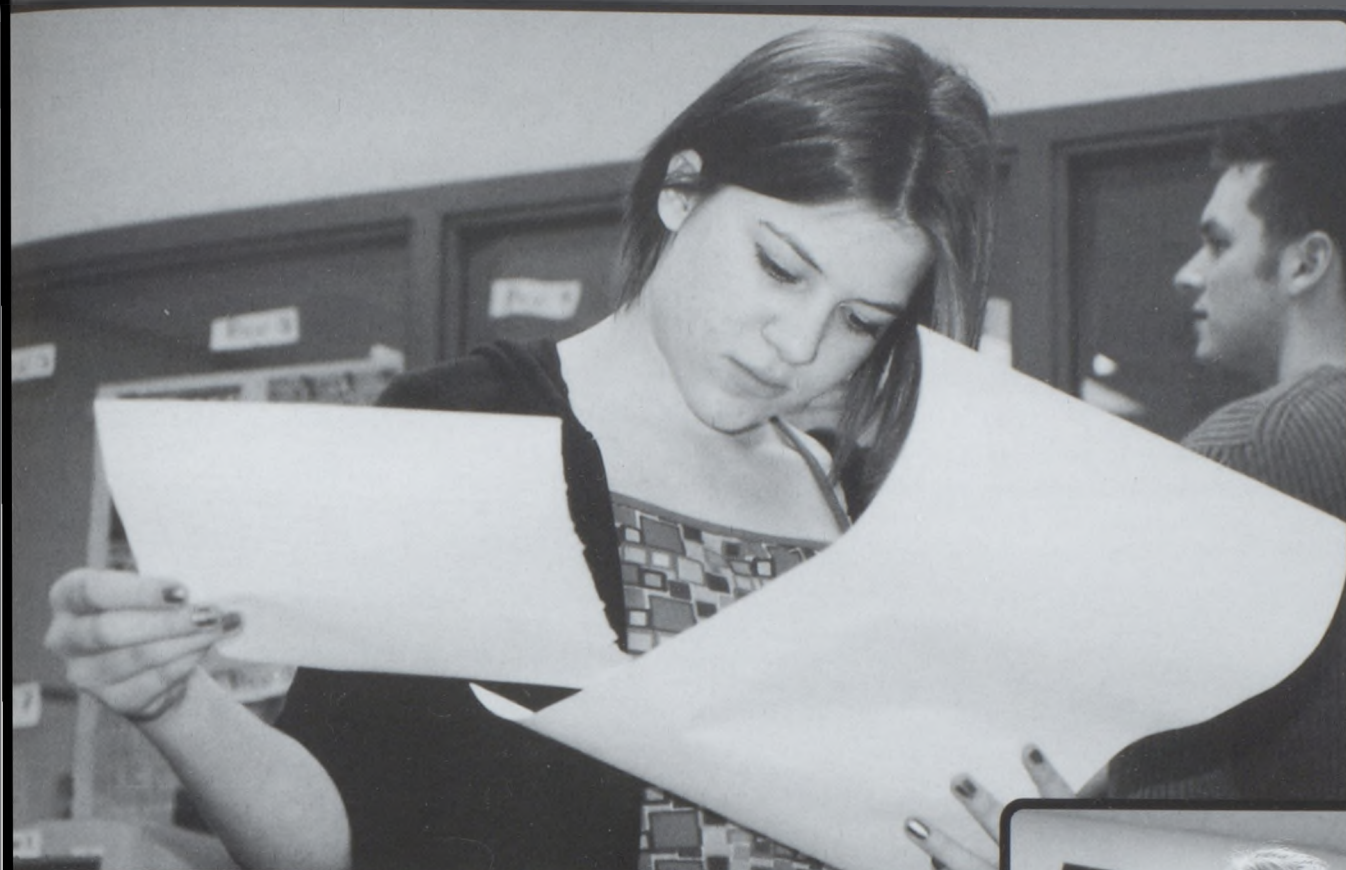


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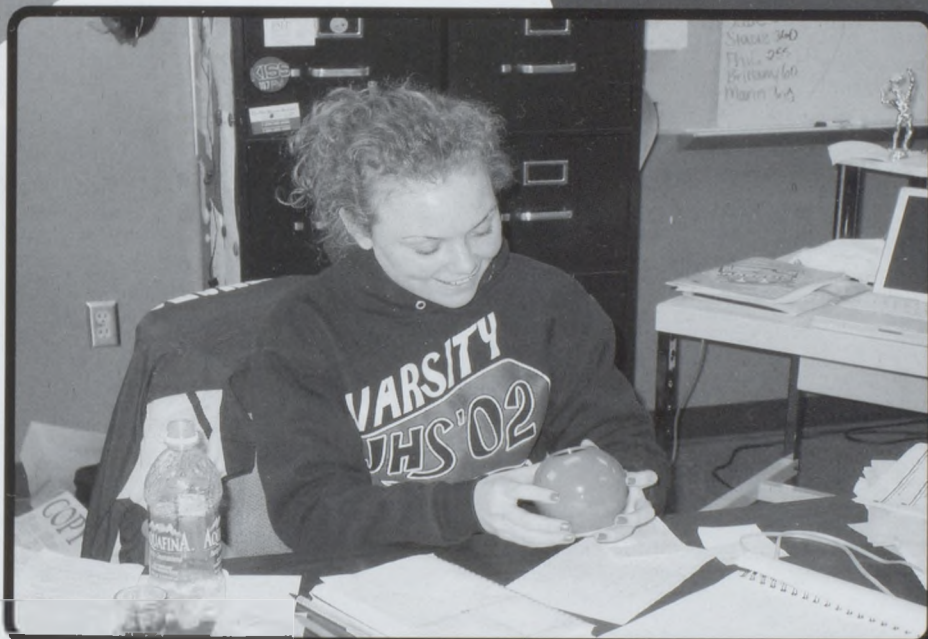
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Checking over her story for the April issue, sophomore Emily Bibler looks for errors. Bibler was checking to see if her article was the same on both copies of her page. Bibler wrote an editorial about how students who are exposed to foreign language earlier in school will understand it better later. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Asking the eight ball from the movie "Deliver Us from Eva," junior Alicia Metcalf wants to know if she'll meet her newspaper deadline. After shaking the ball, Eva answered "Yes," that her page would be completed on time and it was. photo by Tyler Swett



Displeased with her salad, junior Brecca Hoffman eats her vegan lunch during class. Hoffman wrote an article for the March issue about her experiences being a vegan for a week. A vegan is someone who doesn't use or eat any product made with animals. photo by Matthew Putney

Group Thoughts



"I have learned more in newspaper than in any other class. It has challenged me over the years."

- Katie Carter, '03



"Newspaper is a real life experience which helps my writing skills, working with people and it will help me in future jobs."

- Jake Hukee, '05

A QUESTION OF IMPORTANCE

Members feel the service projects serve a purpose, but some wonder the value of monthly meetings

National Honor Society (NHS) was created to reward students who had at least a 3.4 G.P.A. and were considered trustworthy, according to adviser Julie Hukee. Members agreed that the service projects they did were worth while, but some felt that the overall group was not.

Senior Kyle Wilkinson said the only reason he joined NHS was for college benefits and that the group didn't do that much.

Senior Erin Smith felt that having mandatory meetings every month was pointless. Smith said, "If we got more involved with the community, the meetings would be worthwhile. NHS has potential to do a lot,

but I don't think it lives up to that."

Hukee thought if students didn't look at what they did as worthwhile experiences, they should have dropped out of NHS.

To be involved in the community, students were required to do one service project a semester. Senior Tyler Scott disagreed with Smith, saying that service projects made the group worthwhile. "It's hands-on and prepares you for college community service. I'm not involved in much besides sports, and (NHS) gave me something that looks good on scholarship applications," said Scott.

Senior Brian Haroldson thought college was the main reason he joined NHS. He said, "It seemed like a given that you would join, because it looks good on college applications." Haroldson said he would do it again. He said, "Even though it's not that fun, it does more good than not." spread by Justine Blanchard



Working down her list of potential pledges, senior Katie Carter works at a phone-a-thon held at Pioneer. NHS members were required to raise money one weekend in February. Members worked from 6-8:30p.m. and profits went to Dollars for Scholars. photo by Justine Blanchard



In an effort to raise money for Iowa Public Television, senior Laura Skeens answers phones for a required service project. Viewers called to pledge money to the station. Skeens said, "It was weird (being on TV), because you knew people were watching you and you couldn't tell what you looked like." photo by Justine Blanchard



Dishing up food hot from the oven, senior Amanda Freese serves chocolate chip cookies at Ronald McDonald house, a home for families of children in Blank Hospital, as a service project. Freese said, "It was a lot of fun because they appreciate what we do. We chose tacos because they were easy to cook and they reheat easily." picture by Justine Blanchard



In order to preserve the past, NHS vice-president of history senior Julie Crow, prepares a scrapbook for future posterity. The scrapbooks were kept in the guidance office and were available for any members to view them, according to Crow. She said, "I make scrapbooks of my own, like for my graduation party and stuff. I think it's important to make them so future years can look back on us." picture by Justine Blanchard



The budget on his mind, senior Peter Christakos chooses a package of HyVee® tortilla chips. The chips were later paired with salsa and given to the Ronald McDonald house as one of Christakos' service projects. Christakos said, "I couldn't be there to cook because I had a college interview, so I decided to go help pay and pick things out. I chose those chips because they were the most economical." picture by Justine Blanchard



The last step for entrance into NHS about to be completed, seniors Allie Smith and David Muecke assist junior Tiffany Barz in signing into the group. Induction Night was held on Apr. 9 and included speeches by executive members. Guest speaker Dan Scannell was followed by the juniors reciting the group pledge. photo by Justine Blanchard

Group Thoughts



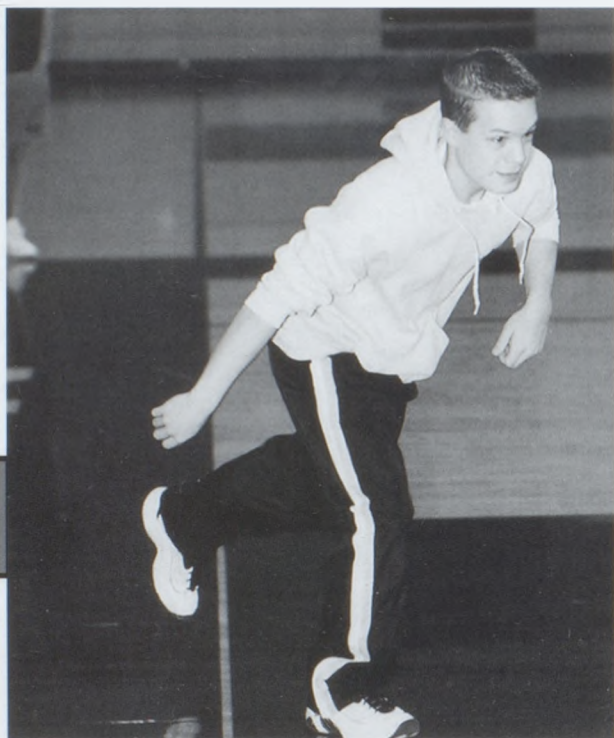
"We did phone-a-thons to raise money for Dollars for Scholars, and it would be hard to get that many volunteers without us."
- Cyndi Roth, '03



"Being in NHS really opened up new opportunities for me elsewhere. For instance, it helped me get into a page program."
- Adam Frei, '03

Fighting For Fitness

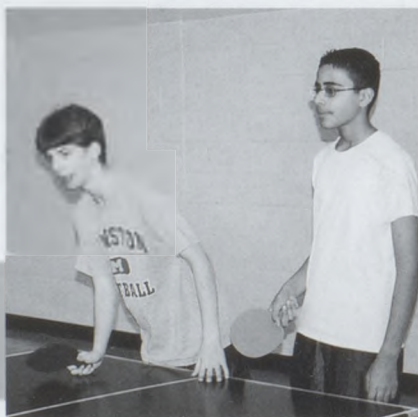
Students keep busy with fun of their own kind



About to take off, senior Matt May prepares himself to run the bases during a game of ultimate kickball in junior/senior p.e. class. Ultimate kickball is similar to kickball, only in ultimate kickball the student continually runs the bases until he/she gets out, instead of just running around the bases once. "I don't like the dodge ball type ball that was used to play. I'd rather use a four-square ball, because it goes farther," said May. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Intensely involved in a ping-pong game, freshmen Dinshaw Anklesaria and Andy Pullen wait for the ball to return. Ping-pong can be played by two or four players. It is played on a table that is nine feet by five feet with the actual surface being 30 inches above the floor. Ping-pong is often called table tennis. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



Almost off his scooter, senior Justin Smith keeps the ball alive by punching it into the air during a game of scooter ball. Seniors Jason Jones and Mark Stewart watch in the background and are prepared to push the ball to keep it moving. The scooter ball unit was a week long at the end of the first semester. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



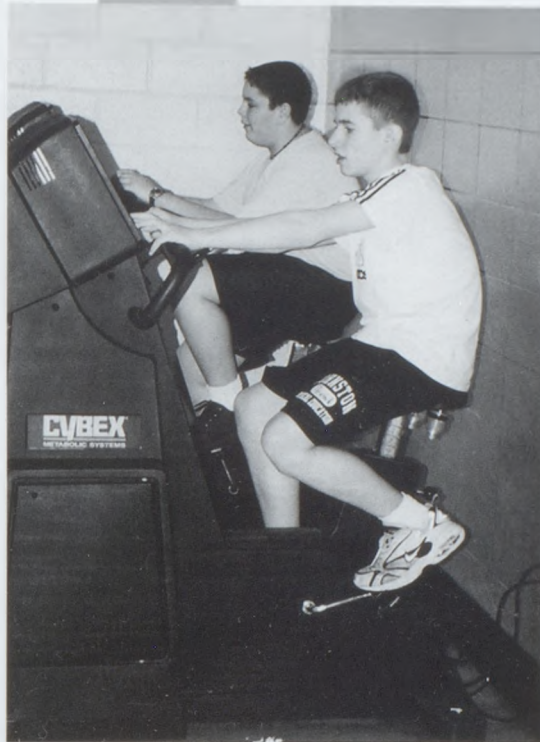
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Her arms extended, sophomore Natasha Kim lunges for the frisbee. Kim said she and her friends played a friendly game of catch with the frisbee during p.e. free time in Dave Beason's class at the beginning of second semester. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*

Getting in shape, freshmen Dan Ankstrum and Todd Herink ride exercise bikes. The exercise bikes were part of the physical fitness unit along with playing basketball, using the stair master and watching fitness videos. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



The Michelle Mefferd Interview

Michelle Mefferd was a senior

Compiled by Steph Cameron

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Prime Time

Students relive an experience in class

Robbie Parker, '03



"I'm in adapted p.e. and throughout it I've learned a lot. I used to be uncomfortable around the handicap kids, but now I've learned to interact and cope with them. We usually go to the big gym and do games so

they can interact with the other kids. Then on Friday we watch movies.

Martha Meiners, '04



"When we first started the sewing unit in Family Consumer Science (FCS) everyone forgot to put the foot pedal down on the sewing machine before they started to sew. It made the seam all

choppy, and they had to start over and re-thread the machine."

Kristen Labertew, '05



"One time during p.e., I dressed up in all the mountain climbing gear (boots, suit and goggles). Then I climbed up the bleachers in the big gym, using a rope, and pretended it was a mountain. It was really a great

experience, even though it was extremely hot in all that equipment."



S: What do you plan on doing in the health field?

M: Right now I'm planning on becoming a registered nurse. I'll either work with babies or emergency victims.

S: Are you taking any certain classes to help you?

M: Yes. I'm taking some classes that have to do with medicine. Last semester I took certified nurses aid (CNA) class. It's pretty much of bunch of dirty work, but without CNA's, patients wouldn't get their basic needs cared for. CNA's can work in hospitals if they have been certified for 120 hours and all can get jobs in nursing homes. My class now is an EMT class (Emergency Medical Technician).

S: Tell me about this EMT class.

M: The class is for seniors who are interested in riding in an ambulance and helping transport people to the hospital. It is a semester long and I'm taking it at Central. I found out about it in the course selection book that was given to us at the semester.

S: Do you volunteer or have background in this?

M: I will be volunteering at a fire department/EMS in a few weeks.

S: Who or what inspired you?

M: My mom inspired me the most and encouraged me. She is a nurse and has worked in many different areas. My grandparents were EMT's too, so it's in the blood.

S: Are you going to a special college to pursue your degree?

M: I'm going to the University of Iowa for my RN (Registered Nurse). It takes four to five years. I'll probably get my RN there and later go for a higher degree.

S: Where have you learned the most?

M: I learned the most in my CNA class. I had an excellent teacher and she helped us get a lot of experience and a great idea about what goes on in medicine.

S: How would you advise others that want to get involved in this type of field?

M: If you're interested in medicine, get started early and get to know about it. It takes a special kind of person and the experience can help you decide what branch of medicine you want.

O NEW FACES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In his sophomore year of play management, director Paul Miller leads a cast of new faces

As director Paul Miller began his second year of directing the school plays, he had a lot of new talent to work with. Five of the 18 people in the plays had previously participated in school plays.

One of the new cast members who decided to give acting a chance was sophomore John Jacobsen, who received encouragement from his peers. "My friends told me I should do it, and I thought it looked like fun," said Jacobsen.

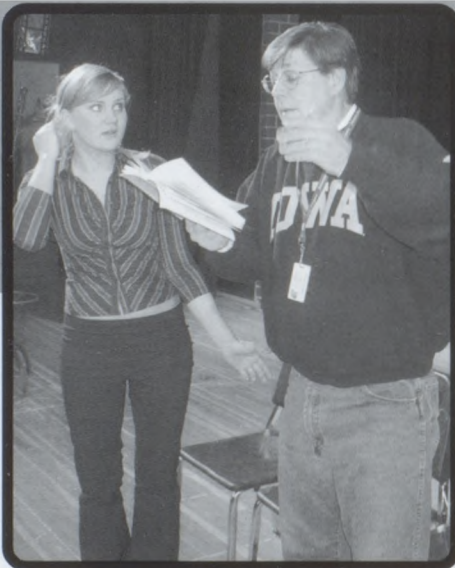
Freshman Lia Yoon was also a newcomer. She

started her acting career by landing a lead role in the fall play, *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. This early success made Yoon unsure about her options for the spring play. "Since I was in the fall play, I wasn't sure if I would get a part," said Yoon. However, Yoon again landed a lead role in the spring play, *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring.

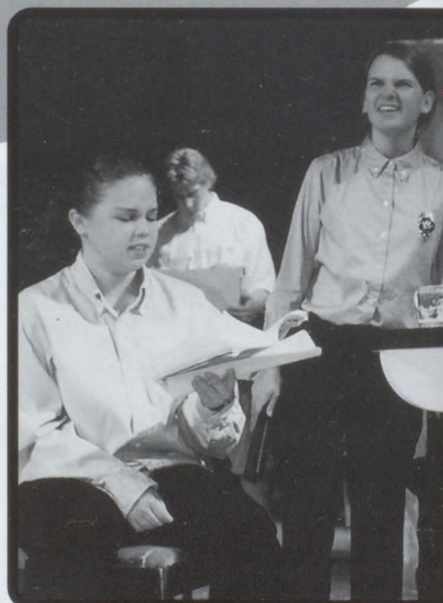
Senior Aaron Holmgren joined the cast of the spring play. "I always thought I was too busy for the play," said Holmgren, "If I had known it was this enjoyable, I would've made a different decision (joined the play earlier). I love making people laugh." spread by Giedre Miniotaite and Matt Campbell



With worry on their faces, juniors Laura Copeland and Andy Pilkington discuss the relationship between their character's children during the spring play. Copeland played Martha Brewster, one of two old ladies euthanizing lonely old men. photo by Matthew Putney



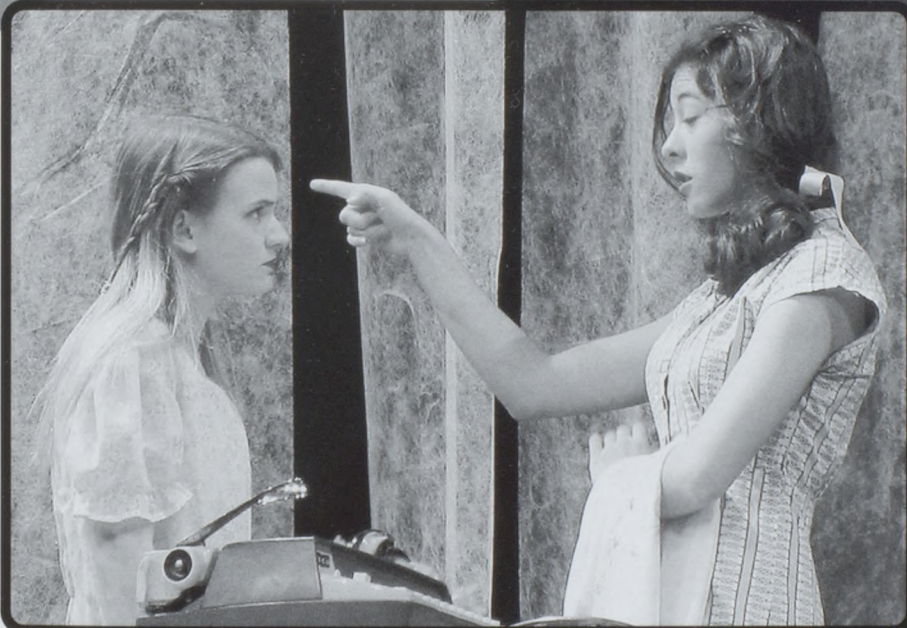
Listening to Paul Miller, senior Giedre Miniotaite, an exchange student from Lithuania, asks about a line during rehearsal for the spring play. "Since I'm a foreigner, sometimes I don't get the hidden meanings behind the words," said Miniotaite. photo by Aaron Holmgren



With the stage lights beaming down, juniors Megan McCravy and Ashleigh Freese practice their lines during dress rehearsal. McCravy played three roles in the play, including Officer Brophy. Freese played Officer O'Hara, an officer who moonlighted as a playwright in the spring play. photo by Tyler Swett



Acting out his part in the spring play, senior Aaron Holmgren orders senior Dave Seibert's character to accompany him to the Panama Canal. Holmgren's character was a delusional individual who believed he was President Theodore Roosevelt, and the Panama Canal was a hole he had dug in the floor of his basement. photo by Matt Campbell



Freshman Lia Yoon points past junior Megan McCravy to a door onstage. "The opening night I discovered the dramatic pause and thank God I did otherwise, when I forgot my lines, I would have just stood there looking like an idiot," said Yoon. photo by Aaron Holmgren



On stage alone, senior JP Wohl gives a monologue near the end of the fall play. "I was kind of nervous to be out there by myself, but the lights were so bright I couldn't see anyone," said Wohl. photo by Aaron Holmgren

Group Thoughts



"I like performances, because we finally get to see all the work we put into it."

- Sean Coughlin, '05



"I like the experience, the people I get to meet and the excitement from the audience."

- Shabrean Nead, '05



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October

Fundraising for after prom was started by organizing a phone-a-thon and by selling "J's" to be painted on the driveways of Johnston supporters. Money was also raised through donations from parents and local businesses.

January

After reservations at Val Air Ballroom fell through because of its closing, prom committee decided to hold prom at the Masonic Temple downtown. They decided on the temple after seeing it at the Madrigal Dinner.

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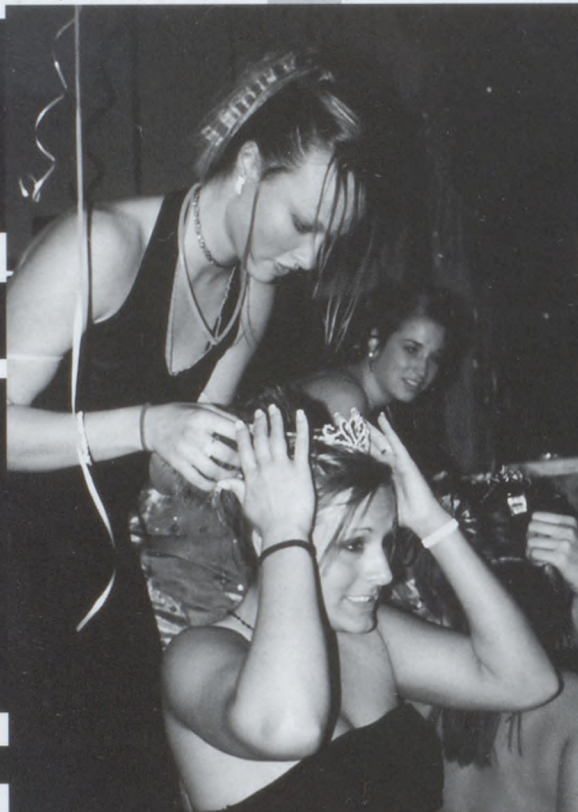
The after prom committee started deciding what games and events to book for the event. The committee decided to have a magician at the end of after prom to change things from the usual hypnotist.

January

Prom committee raised \$1300 to cover the cost of prom. The committee decided on the theme *Saturday Night Fever* to bring more color to prom. They chose the decorations for the temple and decorated it before the dance.



Juniors Joe Shaw and Monica Goedken share a laugh as they dance at prom. It was Goedken and Shaw's first year at prom. Goedken's favorite parts of the night were seeing how good everybody looked all dressed up and after prom. *photo by Marin Viera*



Anxiously waiting to be crowned, senior Kendra Vestal receives her tiara from fellow senior Joann Van Vleet. Other people on the court were Stephanie Bottoms, Audrey Tucker, Kelsey Kuebler, J.P. Wohl, Shae Ary, Adrian Loffler and Eric White. Bottoms and Wohl were crowned king and queen. *photo by Stacy Bendixen*



Anxiously awaiting the next card to be dealt by dealer Dick Porter, junior Nina Lu tries her hand at the blackjack table. Attendees won five dollars for winning ten hands of blackjack throughout the night. Refreshments and desserts were also provided to students who attended after prom. *photo by Tyler Swett*



Prom

Prom is held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple downtown for the first time. The theme is *Saturday Night Fever* and as attendees descend down to the dance floor they are greeted by colorful star-lined walls filled with the names of all those in attendance.

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Prom

Seniors Matt Campbell and Amanda Freese gaze lovingly into each other's eyes. This was Freese and Campbell's second prom together, although he also took three other dates to the prom this year. Campbell's other dates were senior Kelsea Watkins and juniors Martha Meiners and Charlie Richter. *photo by Marin Viera*

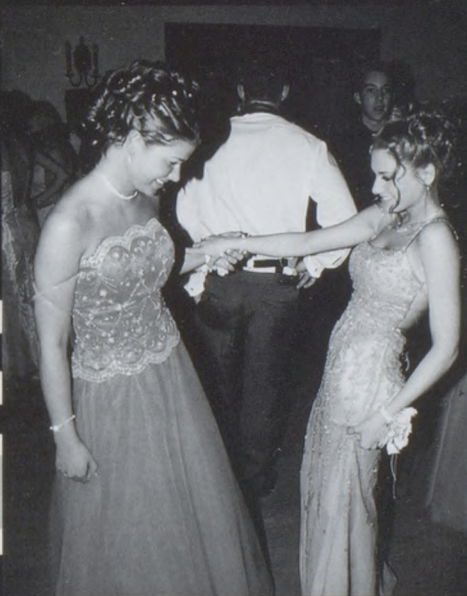


Dancing with her date, senior Blake Strobel from Urbandale, senior Ande Skinner enjoys the music at prom. Skinner said, "Blake and I matched really well and the DJs played good music." Skinner thought these two things made prom more fun. *photo by Kristin Boscaljon*



After grabbing handfuls of cash and prizes in the cash box, senior Jon Becvar is helped out of the contraption by senior Ryan Bole's mom, Patty Bole. Students were able to get a turn in the cash box by winning the game show, which consisted of questions about pop culture. *photo by Rachel Vorm.*

Stopping in the middle of the dance, juniors Allie Warner and Rachel Broich admire each other's dresses. Broich thought one of the fun things about prom was looking at all the girls' dresses and seeing what they wore. *photo by Tyler Swett*



April 26 Prom committee bought glow-necklaces for the attendees and decorations for the temple. Joann Van Vleet was head of the nine-person committee for the second year. Van Vleet estimated that about 447 people attended prom.

April 26 Prom was from 8 to 12 p.m. Restaurants attended were Centro, a nearby Italian restaurant, and Buca di Beppo for dinner before coming over to the temple. Attendees also went out to breakfast at places like Perkins after prom.

April 27 After prom was held in the gym and featured such activities as blackjack, wheel of fortune, bingo and a game show which, if won, led to a trip into the cash box. Attendees could also get a variety of spray-on tattoos.

April 27 Pizzas were donated by Papa Johns along with food from Hy-Vee for after prom. The total cost for the night was between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Many of the games were chosen because of their relation to prom's theme.

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

J.R.O.T.C. prepares students for future challenges, while giving them confidence they can count on

Unique from other organizations, Junior Reserved Officers Training Corps (J.R.O.T.C.) incorporates military aspects into class, according to senior Tiffany Wren. This adds a different style of learning and causes the class to stand out from other academics and organizations. Physical training, classes on leadership, first aid and land navigation are a few of the life lessons that cadets are instructed to learn for potential use in the future, whether their future involves the military or not.

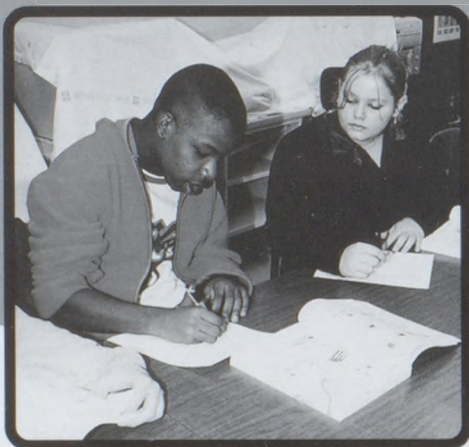
Wren felt her

R.O.T.C. participation allowed her to achieve a better understanding for the real world outside of Johnston, which she felt is more diverse. "R.O.T.C. is an awesome class, because you get to learn about different cultures since Johnston is not very diverse," said Wren.

Sophomore Shabrean Nead moved from North Carolina at the beginning of the school year. She had participated in Air Force R.O.T.C., but transferred into Army R.O.T.C. Nead felt that Iowa was nothing like North Carolina. "When I moved out of my military based town into Johnston, I didn't know

anyone, but I had the discipline and leadership that R.O.T.C. gave me to have a smooth transition," said Nead.

spread by Phil Wong



Working together, sophomore Heather Haskins and cadet Clark from Hoover complete a worksheet on proper flag hanging. "We need to work together, because we all come from different schools and backgrounds," said Haskins. *photo by Phil Wong*



Freshmen Krista Nelson and Amanda Leverman tuck the last edge of the flag in while practicing the proper folding of the American flag. Cadets learned the importance of respecting the American flag by following the rules of proper display. *photo by Phil Wong*



Preparing for American literature, junior Jennifer Bemisdarfer is sporting her J.R.O.T.C. uniform. On Thursdays, cadets were required to wear their uniforms for inspection, which was an important part of their grade. *photo by Phil Wong*



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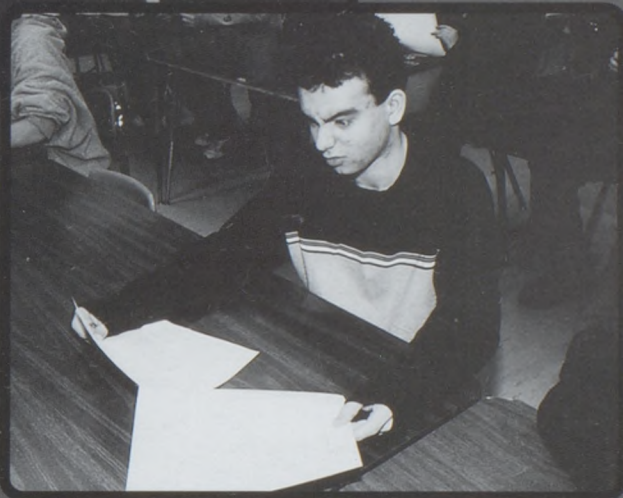
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Sophomores Nead and Heather Haskins straighten the flag before they show how to hang it during speech class. Following the J.R.O.T.C.'s mission statement to "develop better citizens," Haskins decided to give an instructional speech on respecting the American flag so students could become better citizens. *photo by Phil Wong*



Standing at attention, sophomore Zach Smith takes charge of the platoon during uniform inspection. As a squad leader, Smith was responsible for leading when the platoon leader was gone. Smith said, "Uniform inspections help get people to become more responsible for their uniform, it teaches them how to take care of something." *photo by Phil Wong*



Sophomore David "Spud" Kern, is surprised while he observes his grade on a J.R.O.T.C. test. Students did poorly on the test, because they did not study enough, according to R.O.T.C. instructor Lieutenant Colonel Bennet. *photo by Phil Chi Keun Wong*

Group Thoughts



"I am embarrassed to wear the R.O.T.C. uniform. I get heckled a lot by friends."

- David "Spud" Kern, '05



"I want to go into the Marines, and R.O.T.C provides a good building point for confidence."

- Amanda Leverman, '06

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Heading S.A.I.L. for the second time, Dan Scannell makes revisions to improve the experience

The retreat had several modifications, but candlelight made the biggest impact. Scannell felt that candlelight should be a more mutually beneficial experience and inclusive to all of the students.

The focus of candlelight was changed, instead of students being able to say anything they had a few restrictions. "We asked students not to mention individuals and rather focus on experiences," Scannell said.

Although students were skeptical of how candlelight was going to turn out,

Junior S.A.I.L. leader Frank Roggio said, "I liked candlelight better, because people were giving advice instead of listing of their friends to come up front."

After candlelight, students were free to go hang out with friends or go to several campfires located around the camp. "It was fun to stand around the campfire and sing along while people played the guitar," said senior Laura Von Bon.

Scannell also enjoyed the campfires. "It was the neatest thing I have seen with high school students ever," said Scannell. "There are not a whole lot of words that I can use to describe it." *spread by Stephanie Cameron and Phil Wong*



Dressed up like a girl, freshman Brett Turner shows off to the audience during the presentation of small group skits. Turner said dressing up like a girl wasn't his favorite thing. Instead, he enjoyed playing football with the upperclassmen during free time. *photo by Steph Cameron*



At the shelter making station for small group, senior Samara Omerovic gathers leaves. While there, students learned about the rule of two. The rule of two states that when you are trapped in the woods on a cold night you can go two hours without shelter, two days without water and two weeks without food. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



With faith in her new friends, sophomore Brittney Hibbs falls backwards into waiting arms. Hibbs said, "I had to trust my teammates enough to fall back into their arms. I was scared at first so I moved to a lower part of the ledge. I finally did it, and it was fun even though I was last." *photo by Phil Wong*



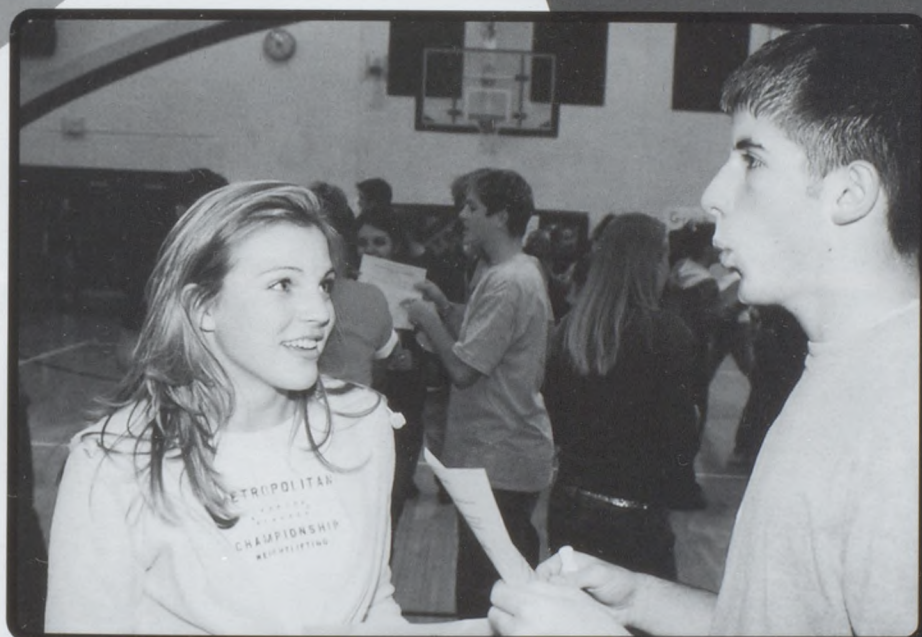
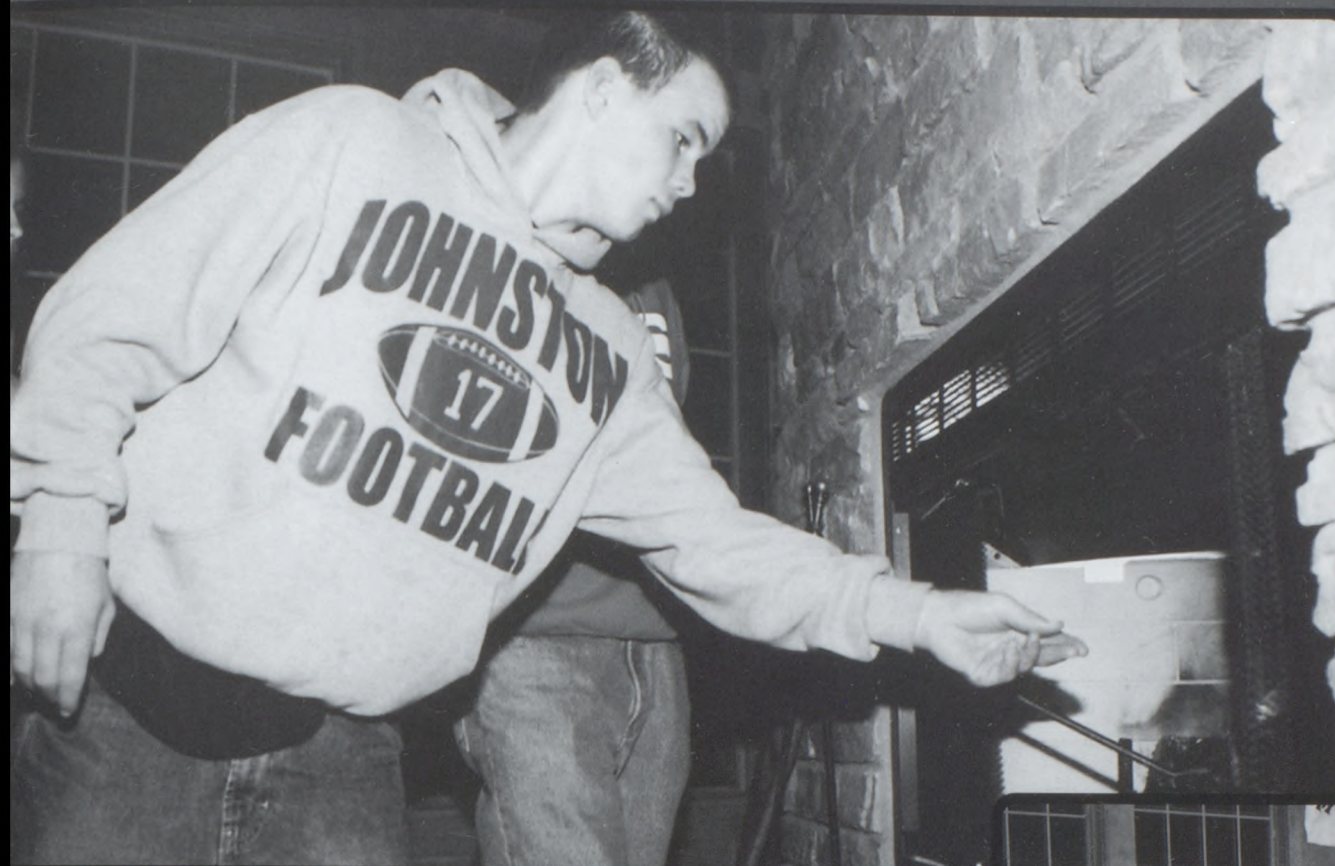
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Senior James Rhoades throws his regret into the fire during the candlelight ceremony. Students filled out one regret and goal in their small group and brought them to the ceremony. The burning of the regret symbolized the erasing of a remorse in their past. The goal was supposed to be a long term one and was given to Scannell. Even though he attended twice and was qualified to be a S.A.I.L. leader, Rhoades wasn't because the meetings conflicted too much with his job and wrestling. *photo by Phil Wong*



Sophomore Jonathan Palmer whistles a tune to classmate Amanda Miller for the ice breaking activities. Ice breaking activities were used as an opener for the weekend retreat that was held Nov. 7-9, along with singing and dancing in the big gym. *photo by Phil Wong*



Gathered in a bunch, sophomores Brenden Furrow, Tara Blutt, Emily Phelps and freshman Liz Sigmund, perform their skit. The theme was a Michael Jackson music video. According to Phelps, they were sitting and listening to the flight attendant. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*

Group Thoughts



"At leadership I learned about goals and how to be a successful high school student."

-McKenzie Fisher, '06



"As a small group leader your goal is to make it fun for members so they have a great time."

-Derek Deer, '04


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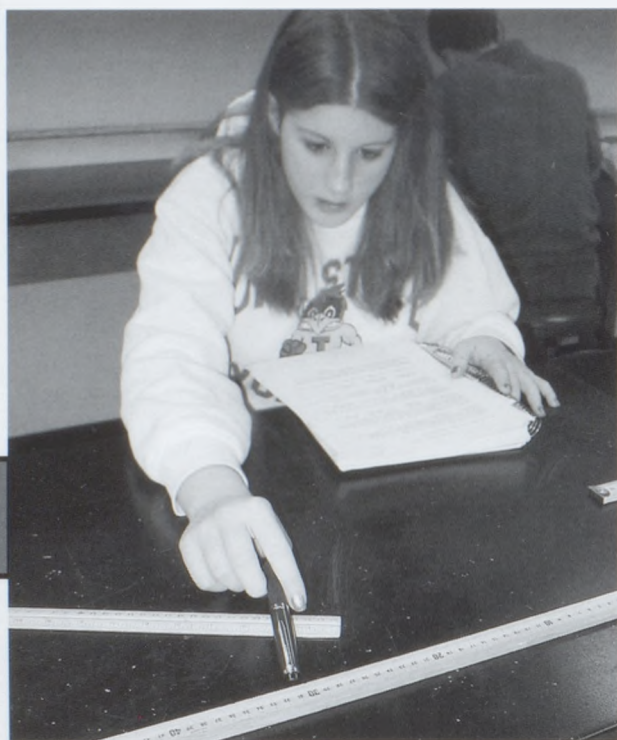
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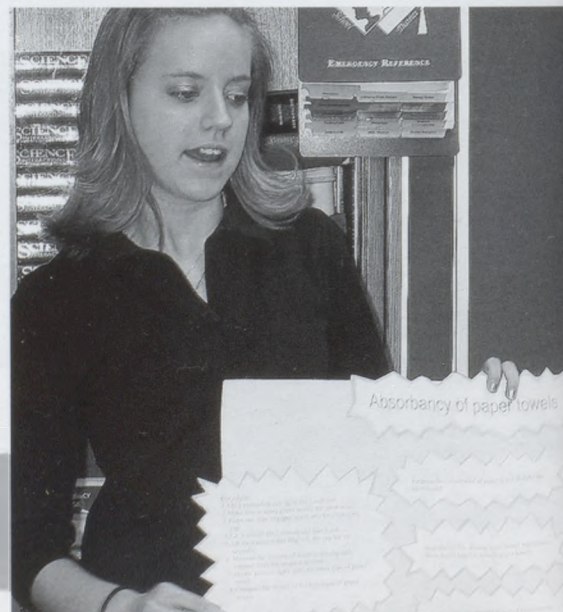
Freshman Regan Seiler takes down an exact measurement and gains a better understanding of how one uses a ruler. Seiler said her favorite part of physical science was doing labs, because then she received the opportunity to work in groups and talk to other people. Seiler said, "High school science is different from middle school science, because we get to do more experiments and work together more." *photo by Alicia Corron*



Junior Jay Reiman pours Canada Dry®, a carbonated beverage, into a beaker as junior Jennifer Peterson watches it fizz. In the chemistry lab they were attempting to get a raisin to float in the soda pop. Peterson said, "The pop lab was especially fun, because I got to drink some of the pop when we were done." *photo by Sheena Wendel*



In front of their classmates, freshmen Erin Couture and Kayla Merrick present their physical science project. They experimented to find which brand of paper towels could absorb the most water. According to Couture, the winner was Bounty®. *photo by Wendel*



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Hard at work, sophomore David Hughes tries to get a measuring stick at an odd angle while senior Blake Hainline stands by. Hughes took physics, because he thought that it sounded interesting and would be a fun class to take. He said, "I like physics, because you get to do experiments. You don't just have to sit and listen." *photo by Sheena Wendel*

Sophomore Mike Farrell points out the answer to his group during biology. Farrel took the course, because he needed the science credits. He thought the best part of the class was the teacher, Stacy Vaughn. *photo by Sheena Wendel*

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Humorous Happenings

Students recall the silly side of science

Bridget Mahony, '06



"Science to me is like breathing. Except, when you do science you have to breath but when you breath you don't have to do science. We also learned about plastic and what it's made of. Barbies are made out of plastic, so overall we learned how to make me!"

Frank Roggio, '04



"Once in physics Big P (science teacher Mike Partington) talked about his horse walking on the roof of his house in the middle of the night. He said he was going to build a fence on the back of his house so it couldn't get up their anymore. Mr. Partington is always hilarious."

Katie McKinley, '03



"We had some odd projects to do in AP biology. We had to make an abstract sculpture to represent a piece of land and at the end we had a phyla feast, which is where we split into groups and had to study a chapter and bring a food to represent that chapter."

The Kristina Beswick Interview

Kristina Beswick was a senior

Compiled by Sheena Wendel



S: How many science classes have you taken in high school?

K: Six.

S: Which classes did you take?

K: Physical science, biology, chemistry, physics, AP biology and AP chemistry.

S: Why have you taken so many?

K: I have taken so many, because I am going to major in science when I go to college.

S: What college are you planning on attending and why did you choose that school?

K: I plan on going to Iowa State for a lot of reasons. It is close to home, my parents went there and I know a lot of people who are going there.

S: When did you discover that you wanted to major in science?

K: I think that I have known since my freshman year of high school.

S: Why do you want that major?

K: I have always liked science, and it's always been interesting to me. It is an interesting field.

S: Which was your favorite class, and why was it the best?

K: I really liked chemistry, because of all the experiments and labs that

we did. I also liked biology because I thought it was interesting to see how the body works.

S: Which was your least favorite class?

K: AP chemistry was a really difficult course. There was a lot of homework and all of the tests we took were really hard.

S: What was your favorite lab that you have ever done and why?

K: I liked burning magnesium in chemistry, because of how it turned to a bright white light.

S: What has been the highlight of your science education?

K: A highlight of mine was getting a 100 percent on one of Mr. (Terry) Frisch's tests. It was a highlight, because if you can get a 100 percent on a test then you got a free coupon not to have to take a test.

S: What is the best part of science?

K: The best part of science? I like that it is a field that their are discoveries in everyday.

S: How has science affected your life?

K: Science and the classes that I have taken have opened my eyes to the world around me, and it has taught me a lot.

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Losing your head

Decisions on the field take two players out of the game

With only one loss going into the team's last game against Urbandale before sub-state, the team was ready to play. "They were relaxed and confident on their skill and ability to play," said Coach Fortune.

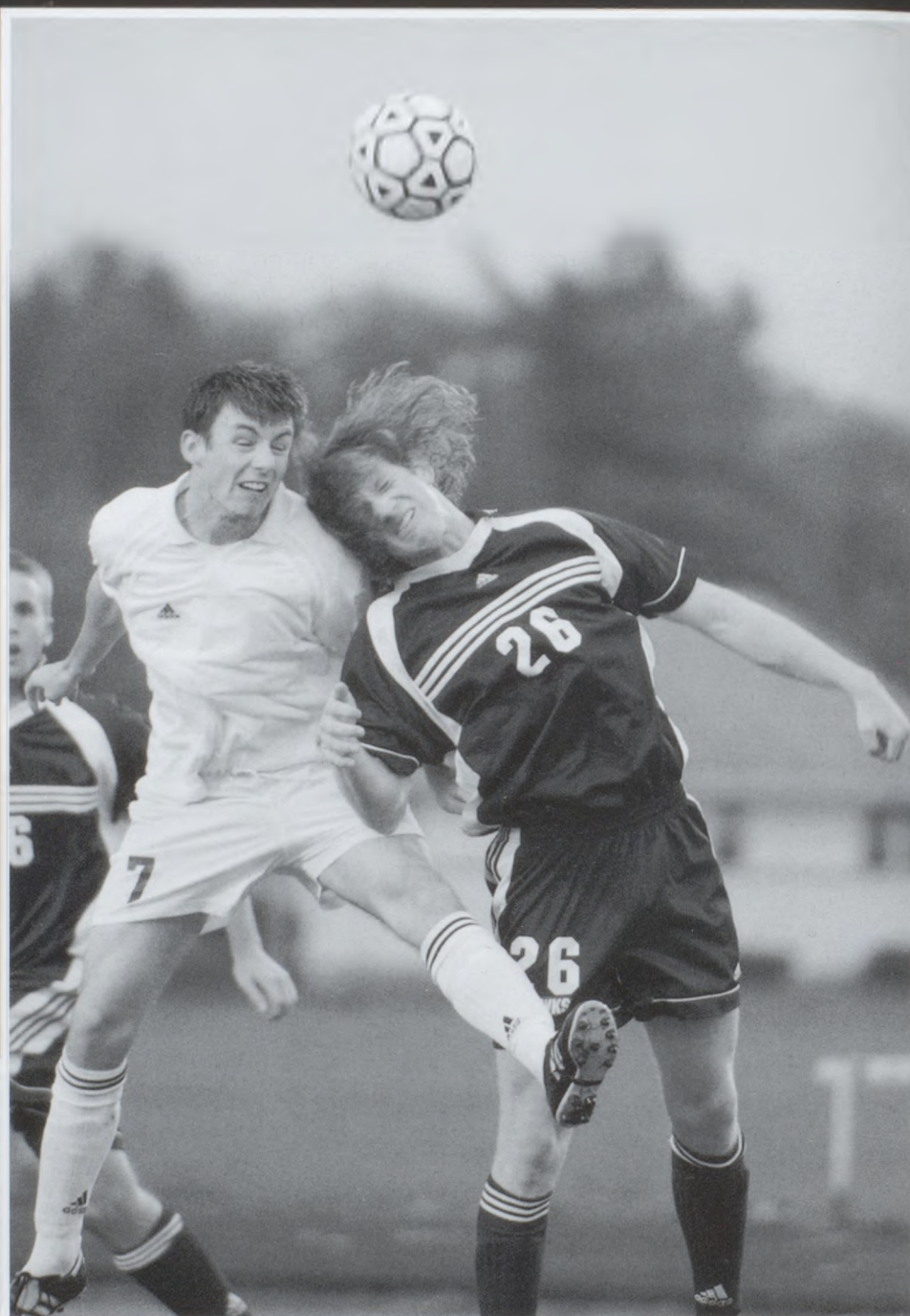
Urbandale and Johnston both had excellent defense with the first goal being scored by junior Ernad Jaskic at the beginning of the second half. With only minutes to go during regulation play Urbandale received a penalty kick to tie the game 1-1.

During the game there were four yellow cards and two red cards given to Johnston. Sophomores Ben Langwith and Cory Shannon received the red cards and would not be able to play the first game at sub-state. "We just lost our heads and couldn't keep it together as a team," said sophomore Matt Dominguez.

Coach Matt Todd was not able to be at the Urbandale game because he had received a red card during the Indianola game. He got the card after losing his temper at the referee and was kicked out of the game.

After two ten-minute sudden death quarters it went to a shoot out. Johnston made 3 goals with one blocked and the other went high. "The team did not play normally and let the emotion of the game dictate the way they played and reacted," said Fortune. *spread by Tyler Swett and Giedre Miniotaite*

As time runs down on the clock, sophomore Ben Langwith heads the ball down the field during the Urbandale game. In April Langwith participated as the only Iowan on a national soccer team that played in a tournament in Italy. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Knocking the ball high into the air, Junior Ernad Jaskic (left) and Urbandale's Pat Weeg (right) head the ball in the first half on the game. "I learned very good foot techniques while I was playing soccer in Germany and I am happy to play for the team that has an opportunity to win state this year," said Jaskic. He has been playing forward ever since he came to the U.S. *photo by Matt Putney*



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In a fight for the ball, sophomore Steven King cuts off his opponent during a game at the Johnston soccer complex against Ankeny. The varsity team won 3-1. photo by Matthew Putney



With his eyes on the ball and determination on his face, freshman Steve Wilson pushes on down the field leaving his Mason City opponent in the dust. The jyv game ended in a tie 0-0. photo by Tyler Swett

Sophomore Cory Shannon battles for the ball in the first round of the state tournament against Bettendorf on June 6. The state soccer games were held in Muscatine. photo by Matthew Putney



Nate Wall



Nate Wall gets tangled up with his opponent in the game against Ames on Thursday, May 29.

Ben Langwith (left) and Nate Wall (right) disagree with the official on a the red card given to Wall in the second half of play.



Johnston's Nate Wall erupts in joy as the Dragons win the substate game in overtime against Ames. Justin Steggerda scored the goal to tie the game 1-1, with one second left in the game. photos by Matthew Putney.

KICKING up a notch

Leg back, arms out and eyes on the ball, junior Stephanie Wilmore prepares to launch it down the field. Wilmore had played soccer since she was in third grade. She played for a Johnston rec. team and was also a part of the jjv team. Wilmore loved the game, but the things she hated were the bumps, bruises and scrapes that came along with it. photo by Matt Putney

Team celebrates a first time defeat over Urbandale

Going to the state tournament and beating Urbandale were two top priorities for the varsity team. Unfortunately, only one of those two goals was met. The girls triumphed over Urbandale in the regional semi-final game.

They played Urbandale two times. The first game, Urbandale won by one point in overtime. "We all knew we should have won. It made the girls more fired up for the regional game against them," said varsity coach Matty Smith.

In the second Urbandale game, the team was down by one after a minute into the game, but pulled the game back almost right away. The game remained tied until the last few minutes. Then, graduate Lindsay Ruisch scored to put them ahead. Senior Erin McGowan scored at the end to make the final score 3-1, and placed them in the regional final against Ames. "The regional semi-final game was a very nerve racking, yet awesome game," said sophomore Megan Ware.

They felt that the Urbandale game was a really big deal to win, according to senior Megan Schonhorst. Winning that game led them to the next round against Ames. The team faced disappointment by losing that game in a double overtime shoot-out, preventing them from advancing to state. They fell one game short of the state tournament, but were happy with beating Urbandale for the first time. spread by Danielle Collignon

Heading the ball high into the air, senior Ashley Parker keeps it from her Ames opponent. Parker played varsity all four years of high school, alongside her twin sister Brittany Parker. Ashley played outside midfielder and Brittany played goalie. Since they played different positions, Ashley believed that there was no competition between them. photo by Matt Putney



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With speed and determination displayed on her face, senior Kristen Schroeder sprints to reach the ball at the JV Ankeny game. Schroeder played because she enjoyed the quickness and control of the game. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Keeping the ball in front of her, senior Sarah Porter is followed by her Roosevelt opponent. "I usually played center mid-field. The hardest thing about it was all of the running. I had to run pretty much the whole field all of the time," said Porter. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Junior Stephanie Cameron pushes her Ames opponent out of the way to get to the ball first. "The hardest thing about soccer is the tight schedule. The start of the season was pretty tough. I got injured at the first practice. I sprained my ankle, and that off-set me for a week. I had only practiced once before going into the first game," said Cameron. photo by Matt Putney

Ashley DuBay



Chasing after the ball, junior Ashley DuBay races against her North opponent to get there first. DuBay started out playing for the JV team and ended the season as a member of the varsity team.

"I really love soccer, because it is about the only sport that comes pretty natural to me. I have played the game for about 12 or 13 years now," said DuBay. Her main position was mid-fielder.



Sometimes she played stopper or forward though. DuBay believed that the highlight of her season was the new people she met from school that she had never talked to before. photos by Matthew Putney



Individual Thinking

Stating opinions about current issues around the globe



Senior Dan Meyer scrounges for miscellaneous pieces of trash, finding mostly toilet paper from homecoming week. Meyer fulfilled his government requirement of 30 hours of volunteer work by being the co-founder of the Environmental Awareness Collective (EAC). The group was founded in November and continued to meet throughout the year. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

Rabbi Baruch HaLevi shows off Jewish scrolls and the Torah to ancient civilization and accelerated world studies classes. These particular scrolls were smuggled from the Nazis during World War II. HaLevi answered students' questions about Jewish teachings, the Torah and how religion plays a role in Jewish communities during their field trip to the synagogue. *photo by Vanity Griffen-Dwyer*



Junior Ashley Weaver tries out her answer on her AP U.S. History class teacher, Jerry Kinder, as juniors Ryan Waltz and Elizabeth Wong check their answers with Weaver's. She, along with her classmates, corrected their study guides for the upcoming test. The study guide dealt with the rise of monopolies in America in the Gilded Age after the Civil War. *photo by Alicia Corron*



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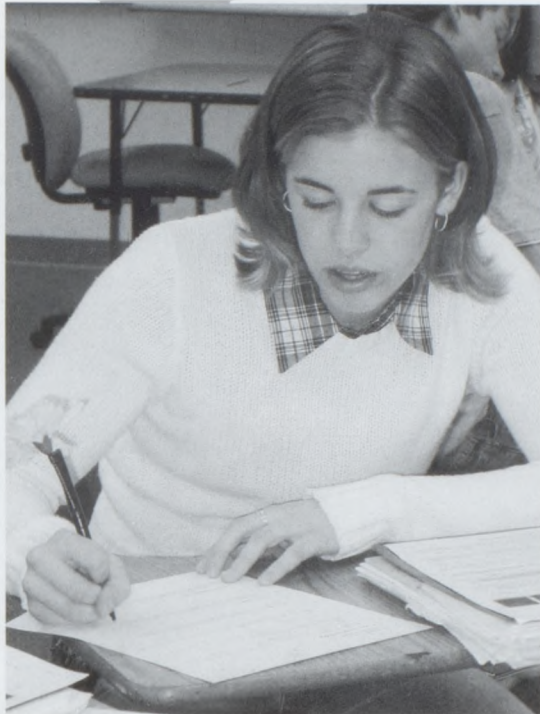
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Putting his creative thoughts and talents to work, sophomore Jake Hukee builds a miniature model of a castle. "I had fun learning about the city and how it all went together," said Hukee. *photo by Alicia Corron*

Diligently working on her paper over discrimination in her developing citizenship class, freshman Abbey Morris brainstorms on what to write for her project. "I can't image why people hate different races," Morris said, "I'll never know why they hate, but I have learned to accept it. It will probably never end." *photo by Alicia Corron*



The John Lund Interview

John Lund was a senior.

Embarrassing Moments

Awkward times in history bring out a lighter side of learning

Carly Shingledecker, '06



"Mr. (Jason) Kirkpatrick had his fly down the whole period, and everybody was starting to notice it. Everyone started to whisper around the room, then he got mad at us for talking. Near the end of the period a kid named Mike Jergens (freshman) told him. Mr. Kirkpatrick was really embarrassed."

Rachel Hokschi, '04



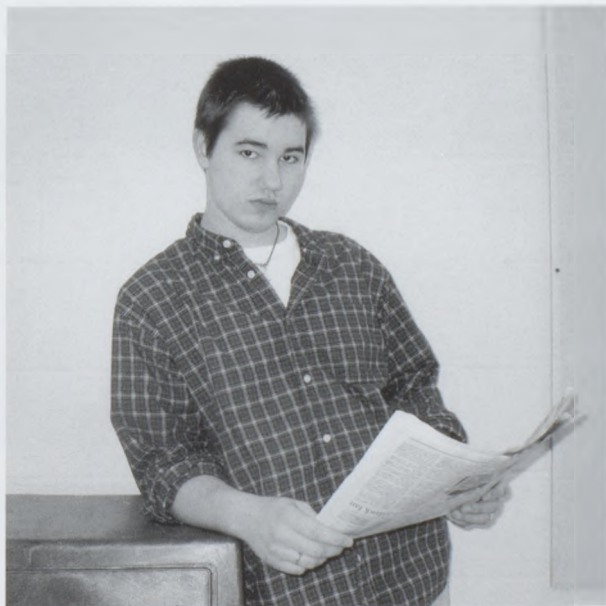
"The day of finals (in U.S. History), (junior) Brenna Smith left a donut on (junior) Zach Moses' desk. It was half eaten, and she said if he wanted to find his lover, someone would be carrying the other half. He ended up eating the donut. No one had the other half, in fact Brenna ate the other half."

John Becvar, '03



"One day (in government), we were taking a test and I farted during the test. Everyone started laughing and even Mr. (Jerry) Stratton started to laugh. My face felt like it started to burn, I was embarrassed and wanted to leave, but I just laughed at myself to get over it."

Compiled by Alicia Corron



AC: Overall, did you enjoy your current events class?

JL: I enjoyed it throughout the entire semester and looked back on it and wished it was a year long class.

AC: What do you like about current events?

JL: I like the back and forth arguing and the people who know a lot about current events. Their knowledge adds a lot of credibility to their opinions. I also like the financial arguments in current events.

AC: What made you interested in the class?

JL: I was really looking forward to a class which had a lot of debate. It dealt with current issues and it was mixed with the debate side which really appealed to me.

AC: Why do you feel the need to participate in current events?

JL: I think it's my personal responsibility to contribute to current events through my thoughts and ideas.

AC: What kind of current event issues are you interested in?

JL: I like reading about controversial

issues like abortion and the war in Iraq. AC: Do your teachers help you understand the issues?

JL: Yes, Mr. (Jerry) Stratton gave us a more non-biased opinion. He's not liberal, but he's not conservative and he does things as a teacher should.

AC: How is the class normally conducted?

JL: We take a unit, he gives us information, as well as what he knows about it, and then we would take it and talk about it in class. When we did a unit on medical ethics, like abortion, we would talk about it with the rest of the class.

AC: Can you give me an example of a debate that you would have in class?

JL: Take abortion. I'm a pro-choice. I think that women have a right to do what they want to their bodies, and I don't believe that "life" begins until the umbilical cord is cut.

AC: Will you continue your education in current events?

JL: I really like politics, and I think I would like to be involved in the government. I would probably begin as an aid in the state government.

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Going beyond the game



Scooping up the ball, graduate Mary Kuster gets ready to throw out a runner. Kuster thought that there was a great team bond between the older girls and the younger girls on varsity. Kuster said, "It was an honor playing with the younger girls, because I was able to teach them all the things that I had learned when I was a younger player." photo by Aaron Holmgren

Senior Katie Reichling gets a little personal

According to Katie Reichling, one of life's major goals is to live up to your dreams and succeed. For Reichling this is a possibility. She played softball since she was in first grade. Reichling played tee ball before that. Reichling said, "When I was really little I loved softball, and my dream was to play in high school and college." So far half of that has come true, and for the other half it may in years to come.

After Reichling graduates, she plans to advance on to Iowa State University. She was accepted and offered a scholarship to play softball there. Reichling does not know if she wants to play professionally after college.

Freshman Sarah Peppmeier said, "I admire three things about Katie: her determination, how hard she works and how hard she wants it." Reichling's teammates not only looked up to her because she was always willing to help them out, but they also agreed that she had a special talent.

"I think Katie is a talented and dedicated player," said sophomore Lizz Swanson, "She has good leadership skills, and she proves that when she helps the girls out."

As Reichling finished her last season, she hoped she had set a good example for her teammates and for the school. *spread by Stacy Lee Olsasky*

Winding up for the pitch, senior Katie Reichling aims for junior Ashley Kilby's glove. Reichling was a varsity pitcher since eighth grade and enjoyed every minute of it. Since Reichling was a pitcher, she felt a sense of accomplishment. Reichling thought that she became mentally tougher over the years in the game, which made her a better player. photo by Aaron Holmgren



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In position, junior Ashley Kilby prepares to catch the ball. Kilby was the varsity catcher and had been for three years. She felt she knew the game better than before, as well as all of the strategies. photo by Aaron Hall Holmgren



As freshman Libbie Reichling watches the ball cross the plate, she prepares to take a hit. Reichling was one of the three eighth graders that played on varsity. Reichling said, "We had an awesome season, because the seniors accepted and included us." photo by Aaron Holmgren

Scampering towards third base, junior Courtney Frank completes her run. After Frank's first year on varsity, she felt that she had grown in the game. Frank said, "I thought the most memorable game was our last game, which was against Urbandale, because we lost and that stopped the team from going on to the state playoffs." photo by Matthew Putney



Bekah Morris



Waiting for the ball to reach her mitt, graduate Bekah Morris attempts to make a play at first base during a home game against Dowling. Morris played first base for four years on varsity.

Morris said, "This was my favorite season playing on varsity, because we had a very unified team, and everyone wanted to be there. I'm glad I had the chance to work with a great group of girls."



Morris felt that the Valley game was the most interesting, because Valley was a good strong team, and their goal was to go out there and beat them. photos by Aaron Hall Holmgren

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Sports



August

8 The fair kicked off with fairgoers participating in the turkey and duck calling contests, taking line dancing lessons in the Heritage Village and watching visiting chain saw sculptor Brian Ruth.

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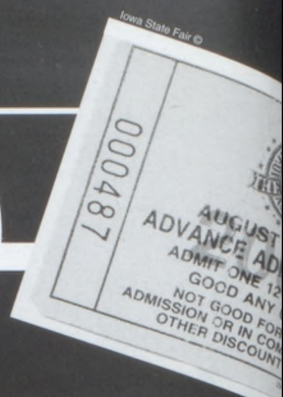
9 For County Fair Day representatives from 106 county fairs gathered to celebrate this American tradition. In addition, the "I Milked a Cow" exhibit also offered a new opportunity at the cattle barn.

August

12 Veteran's Day included special activities such as a parade and performances by the army and military bands. Music included jazz, big band and swing. A bake-off competition was held.

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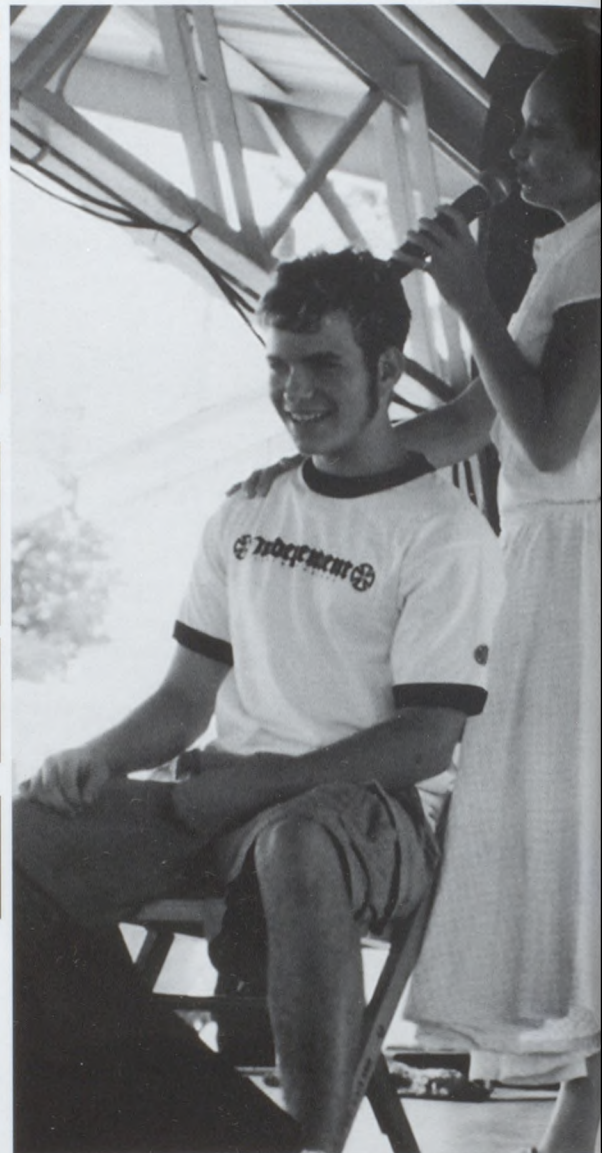
13 A car show with hot laps, races for stock cars, dirt trucks and dwarf cars was held at the Grandstand Stadium. A Midway special gave unlimited rides from 10-5 p.m. with the purchase of a \$15 wristband.



Outside the Agricultural Building, junior Toni Chrisman cools off with a senate candidate Doug Gross fan that she received at the fair. Chrisman went to the fair four times with her friends and her sister. They watched Robo the Clown at the Midway, ate a lot of food, saw all of the livestock and hung out. She goes to the fair every year because it is a tradition for her. Chrisman enjoyed going to see the different people. photo by Emily Bednar



All aboard and ready to go, sophomores Becky Elming and Allison Thomann take off on the ferris wheel at the Midway. The tickets cost \$8 per ride. The ferris wheel was the only ride they went on. Both of the girls went to the fair with a group of their sophomore friends for the day. photo by Stephanie Cameron



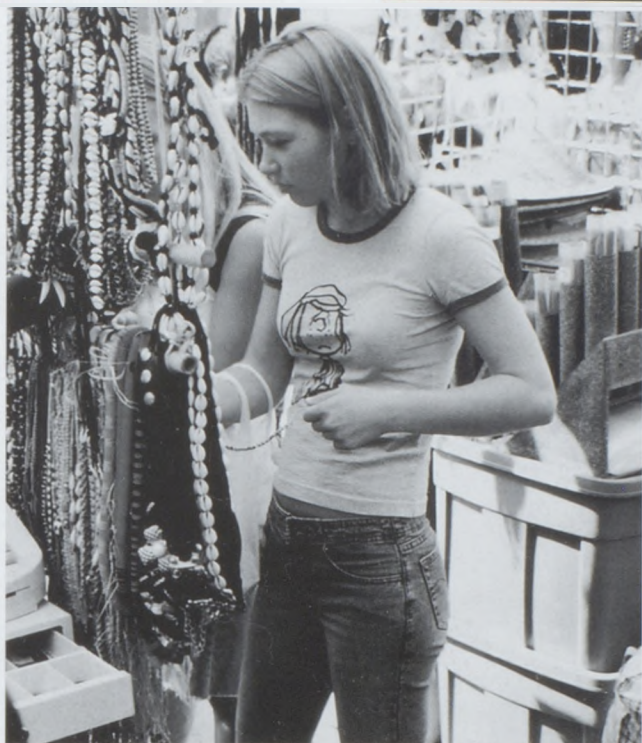
Clad in her *Grease* apparel, freshman Alexis VanVleet sings "Hopelessly Devoted" to her fellow classmate Max Baxter. VanVleet performed a segment from *Grease* on the Wellspring Blue Cross Blue Shield stage. She also sang in the Next Big Star competition and at the 9/11 memorial service. photo by Stephanie Cameron

State Fair

Students and teachers alike travel to the Iowa State Fair over their summer vacations. While there, they enjoy rides on the Midway, exhibits, food, rodeos, shows and concerts. Some even earn money with their state fair employment. "The Big One" ran from August 8-18.

spread by Sheena Wendel & Steph Cameron

Choosing her favorite style, senior Katy Green looks at necklaces at a jewelry stand. Green bought a necklace for \$8. The necklace had bumps with different colored beads. Green was accompanied by sophomore Lindsay Perry. photo by Sheena Wendel



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Randomly chosen students test their knowledge.

1 How many acres did the fairgrounds cover?

What they thought:

Freshman: Kendra Beane	6
Sophomore: Tyler Lawrence	110
Junior: Molly Duben	12
Senior: Chris Neely	1,000

Answer: 160 acres

2 How many people attended the fair?

What they thought:

Freshman: Lauren Wenzl	2,000,000
Sophomore: Tyler Tannat	20,000
Junior: Donovan Gray	25,000
Senior: Kelli Mabe	10,000

Answer: 1,008,025



Preparing to serve her hungry customers, junior Kaitlyn Summit cuts into a pepperoni pizza. Summit got the job at the fair food tent, because her father usually worked there as a D.J. He told her that they were looking for someone to help make pizzas, she filled out an application and got the job. Summit made \$6.50 an hour. She said, "I loved it. Even though we worked ten-hour days it was a blast. I had so much fun." photo by Sheena Wendel

August 14 Iowa Farmer Today sponsored a tractor and truck pull. This included a two-wheel-drive and a four-wheel-drive trucks plus tractors weighing a minimum of 5,800 pounds and up to 10,000 pounds.

August 15 Iowa Park and Recreation Day created extra activities for families. A rodeo was held in the Grandstand stadium. It was sponsored by Dodge Rodeo and was followed by Sara Evans in concert.

August 17 Music Television (MTV) presented singer Alicia Keys in concert at 8 p.m. inside the Grandstand stadium. The pop performance lasted approximately two hours and was followed by a 15 minutes of fireworks.

August 18 The fair finished with a checkers tournament, a rooster crowing contest and Tadpole the Clown. 4-H also celebrated its 100th birthday with a collective assembly of 4-H members, alumni and supporters.

C THE COST OF CONDIMENTS

Students learn that lunchtime privileges come in small packets of responsibility

Upon entering the lunchroom one fateful day, the student body was bruised by the harsh realization that their precious condiments had been seized. The lunchroom staff suspended the dispensation of tasty toppings because there had been reports of the misuse and abuse of condiments to make messes, according to Christy Ellis, student body president.

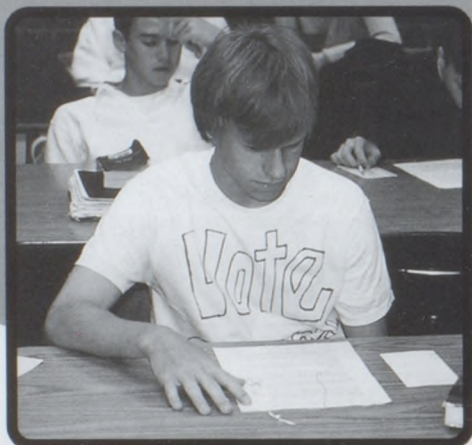
After a brief era of saucelessness, students clamored for the return of the condiments.

"Come on people,

I can't eat chicken without barbecue sauce!" said Peter Holmgren, freshman class president, "Food just isn't the same unless it is properly sauced."

Without delay the student council sprang to action to rescue the captive condiments. Ellis met with Associate Principal Mark Crady to negotiate the safe return of the condiments. Crady agreed to allow the recommencement of the use of condiments but stressed the need to send a message to the students.

"Students need to understand that condiments are a privilege and not a right," said Crady. Less than a week later students were reunited with their condiments. spread by D. Seibert and A. Holmgren



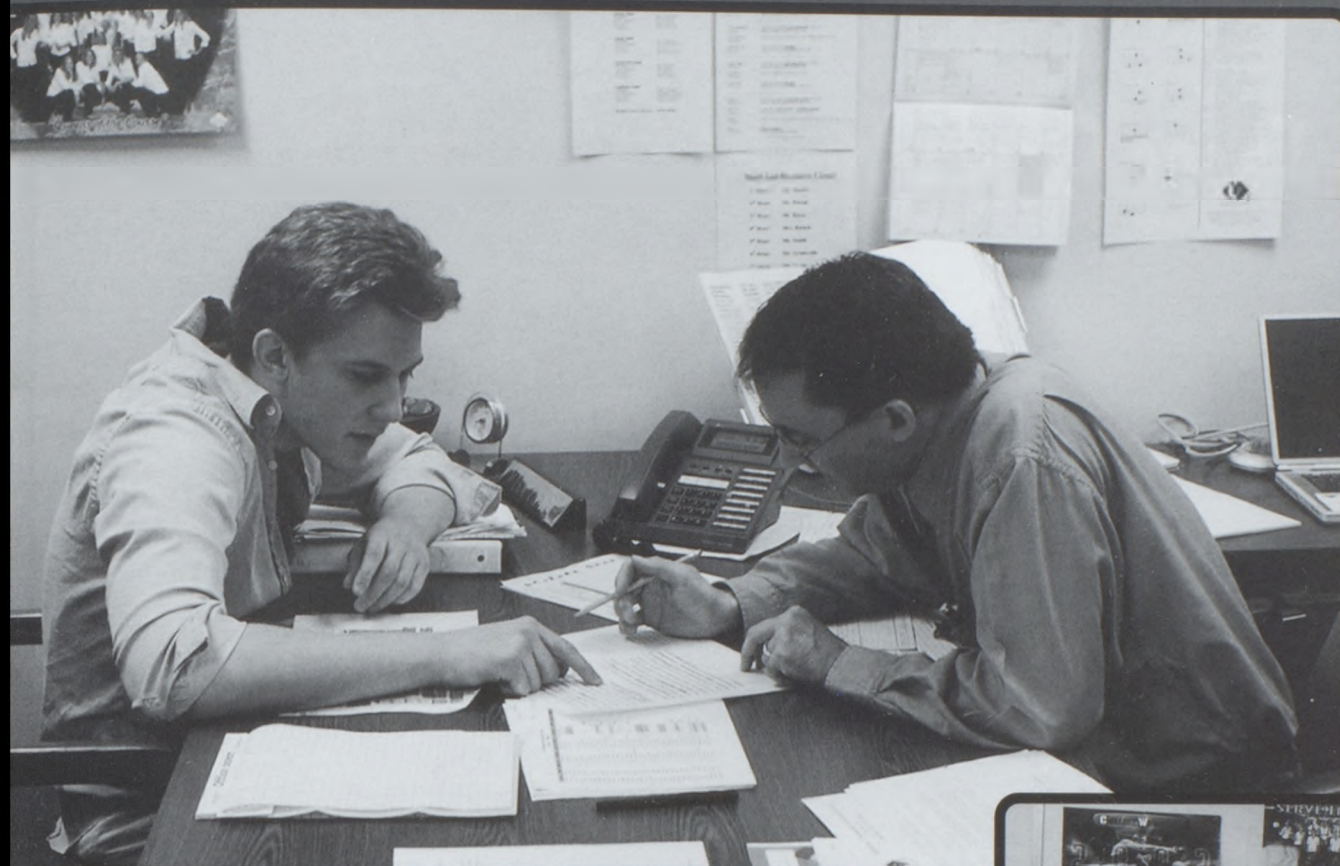
Junior Nathan Pirie marks down his vote for Cory Goerd, a candidate for student body president. Also seen in this picture is Pirie's "Vote Goerd" shirt, a shirt made and worn by those who supported him. The t-shirt theme was carried even further in Goerd's speech to the student body, as he ripped off a long series of white shirts brandishing his various campaign promises and ideas. photo by A. Holmgren



Letting loose, freshman Allie Norelius shakes a leg at the Spring Fling. The Spring Fling was a dance organized by the student council. Norelius' isolation in the above photo could be attributed to the dance's low attendance; consequently, the council decided to never hold a Spring Fling dance again. photo by Julie Crow



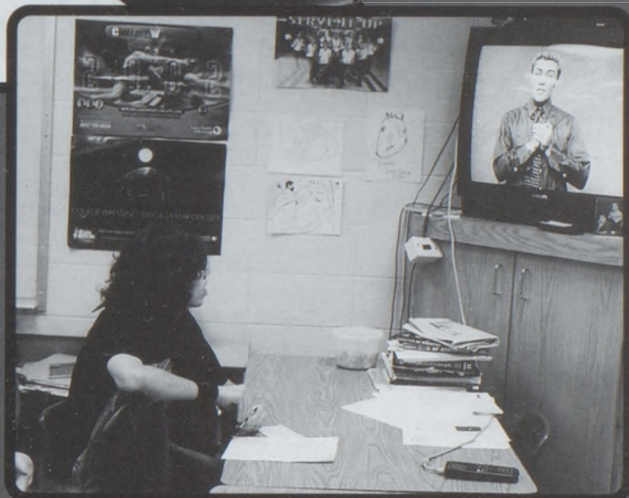
Taking a break from the mundane matters of one student council meeting, senior Marc Cabrera succumbs to his lingering lethargy and takes a nap. The student council met weekly on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m., which, for Cabrera, proved to be a bit too early. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Senior Aaron Holmgren and Crady to go over the speech Holmgren is about to give to the student body concerning the condiments. Holmgren had taken liberties with the speech by adding humorous quips and edgy hyperbole. Crady, however, wanted to make sure the issue was treated seriously and that the right message was sent to the students, and he decided that some of Holmgren's editions were inappropriate. photo by David Seibert



Wallowing in the messy aftermath of a pie-in-the-face, social studies teacher Jason Kirkpatrick faces the cheering arbiters of his misfortune. The class that brought the most canned goods was allowed to select two teachers who would receive a pie-in-the-face at a pep assembly. The food drive was organized by the student council for the Food Bank of Iowa. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Enthralled by the lofty campaign promises of junior Cory Goerdt, the eyes of junior Chris Nortis are glued to the television screen. The candidates for student body president were each allowed to make a formal address just before the election. photo by A. Holmgren

Group Thoughts



"When Mrs. (Kelly) Neiber came, she changed the way Mrs. (Mary) Van Heukelom used to do things."
- Molly Hanson, '05



"It was difficult, at first, to adjust to all of the changes Mrs. Neiber made."
- Kevin Hanigan, '04

New Faces Surface

As he comes up for a breath, freshman Adi Feriz swims the 100M breaststroke. Feriz swam a 1:21.71 to get third place in the JV heat. Feriz also swam the 400M freestyle relay and the butterfly leg of the 200M medley relay during the meet. The team finished 26 points behind Ankeny who had 72 points. *photo by Phil Wong*

Underclassmen drive the team to state

From the beginning the swimmers knew they had their work cut out for them. With a team that had twice as many underclassmen as juniors and seniors, the team had to look to fresh faces for strength.

Sophomore Dave Hughes said, "UJW (Urbandale, Johnston, Waukee) is getting closer to being able to compete with the larger schools. A few years ago we were unknown, but now teams are starting to worry about swimming against us." Hughes felt the team stepped up as they finished third, behind top rated Dowling and Valley in the conference and district meets.

Coach Dan Lake thought the underclassmen made a huge impact. "I don't want to take anything away from the seniors, we will miss them, but our freshmen and sophomores were great, we got a lot of really good things from them."

The team sent 12 swimmers to the state meet, seven of them from Johnston. Despite not scoring any points and therefore not placing in the meet, Lake felt they were very successful. "We had a lot more depth this year. You can't measure our improvement by points or places, but we sent more kids to state and everyone swam well at state," Lake said. *spread by Brittany Parker*

Freshman Ben Hokschi swims the butterfly leg of the JV 200M individual medley. Hokschi swam his race in 2:26.40 to finish second in the meet. Throughout the season Hokschi swam JV. Other events he swam were the open butterfly and the medley relay. *photo by Phil Wong*



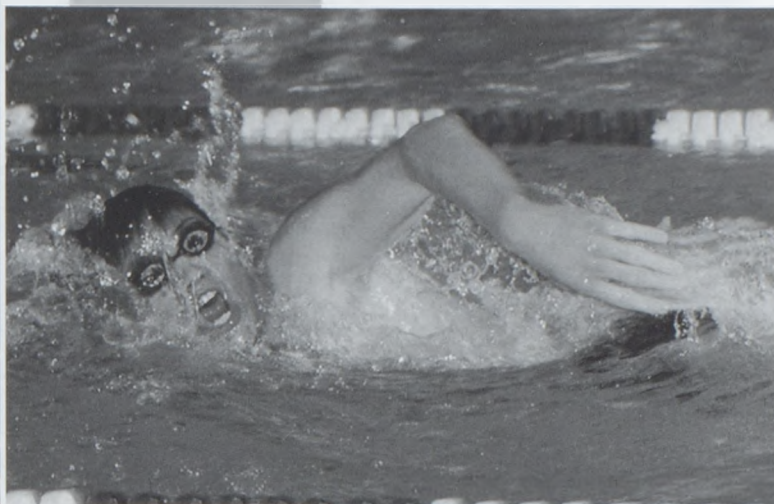
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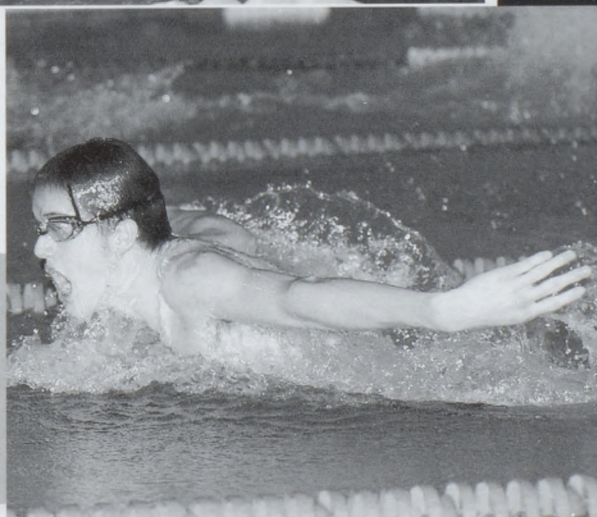
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While swimming the 400M freestyle relay at the conference meet, sophomore Tim Sanders gasps for a breath. Sanders placed fifth in his race with a time of 3:36.92, which helped the team to a third place finish. *photo by B. Parker*



Towards the finish, junior Kevin Hanigan pushes onward to complete the 400M freestyle relay. Hanigan said he "visualized doing well and going through the water well" while he was swimming. "I tried not to worry about the other guy next to me and just worry about the clock," Hanigan said. *photo by B. Parker*

Gliding through the water, sophomore Brandon Swett swims the 400M freestyle relay at the Indianola meet. Swett finished first in his varsity race with a time of 3:54.08. The team beat Indianola 97 to 69 and won the meet. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Patrick Hanson

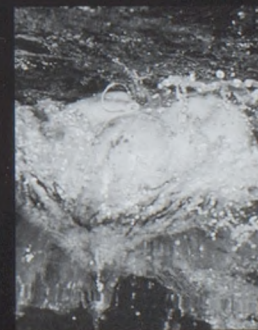


Concentrating as he comes up for a breath, freshman Patrick Hanson swims the 100M breaststroke at the state meet. Hanson finished with a time of 1:06.29 to place 21 overall.

Hanson's goal was to qualify for the state meet. He accomplished his goal by qualifying in the 200M individual medley which consisted of swimming the butterfly, backstroke, freestyle, and breaststroke.



Back under the water, Hanson pushed on in the race. Although Hanson swam "very well" according to coach Dan Lake, he failed to get any points for the team. *photos by Brittany Parker*



Swimming through Adversity

Sophomore Allison Husome stepped in for injured swimmer, sophomore Emily Fey, when a shoulder injury kept her from the pool. With Fey out, Husome became the only sophomore on the team. Husome swam in the 200 yard free style relay, 200 yard medley relay, 100 yard breaststroke, and 400 yard free style relay. photo by Phil Wong

Injuries sink chances at top 12 finish at state

In order to place at the state competition, the team first had to replace two injured swimmers. Both girls injured were strong swimmers, according to coach Dan Lake, so he needed other teammates to fill their spots in their usual races.

Senior Erin Danielson, a veteran swimmer of three years, was one of the girls unable to swim because of a shoulder injury. "I practiced too hard in the beginning, so my muscles were not ready and my shoulder came out of place," said Danielson. Emily Fey, a sophomore, also suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery.

However, the team did not let the loss of the two girls interfere with their aspiration of making it to the state competition. "In Fort Dodge they place the top twelve teams on a board that shows the team scores during the meet," said Lake. Lake hoped to find his team on that scoreboard.

When it came down to the final race, the team did not qualify for the top twelve. On the other hand, they successfully managed to get to the state competition after districts. After all of the hours put into practices and replacing the injured swimmers, the team received 23rd place at state. *spread by Tyler Swett and Justine Blanchard*

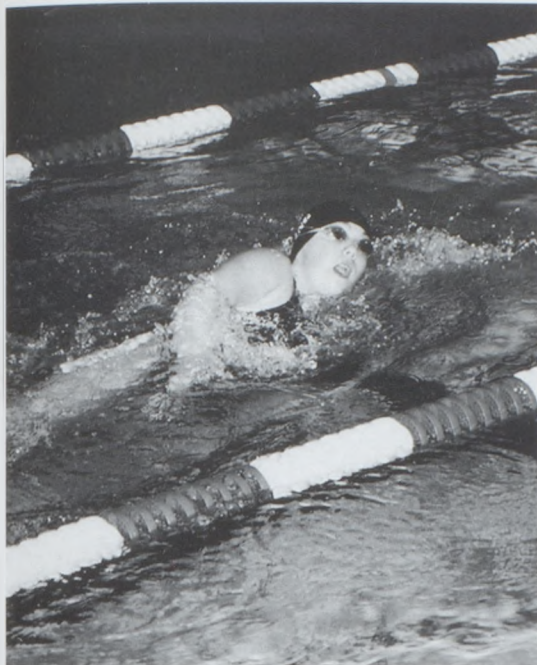
With high spirits and adrenaline pumping, senior Erin Danielson roots for her team. "It's been really hard not swimming my senior year, but I just think about my future and how I can help out the team to stay focused," said Danielson. She swam on the high school team for three years and planned to swim in college. photo by Phil Wong



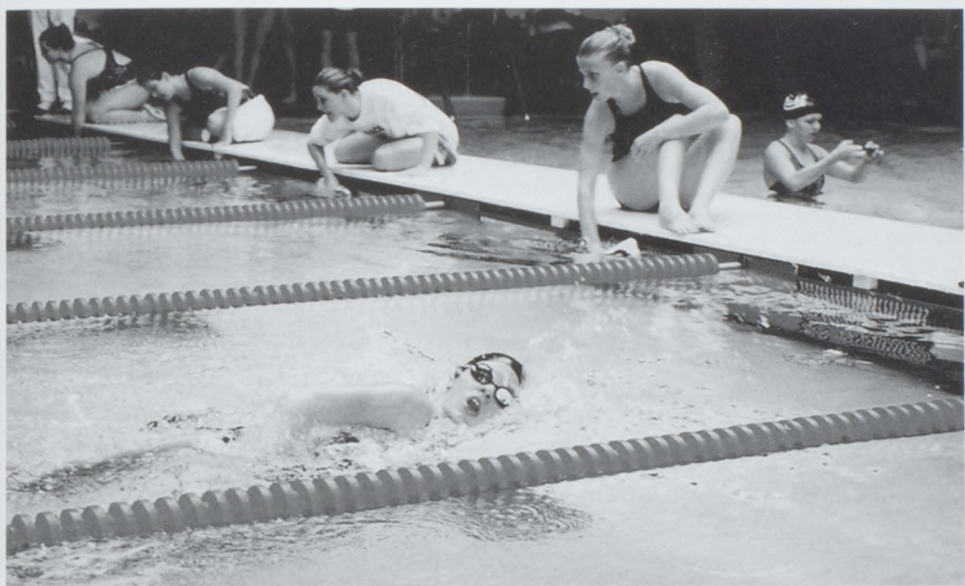
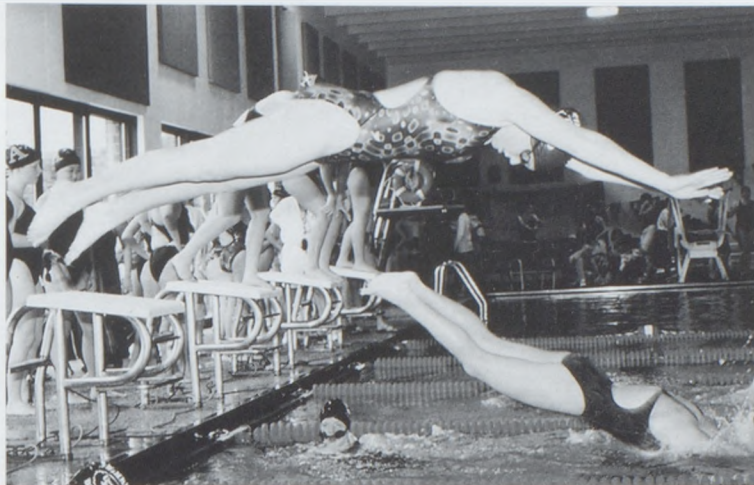
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Beginning the second leg of her 4 x 100' yard relay with a flying leap, junior Allie Mackey takes off down the lane. She said, "(When I'm on the block) I'm more nervous than anything, but also excited to start the race. I want to get it over with and I'm thinking, just go!" photo by Phil Wong



Keeping a steady pace in the 500' yard free-style, freshman Rachel Lippincott pulls into the lead and continues strong. Lippincott enjoyed swimming because of how close the girls on the team were. Lippincott said, "The team really supports each other. There's always people cheering you on at the end of the pool." photo by Phil Wong

With first on her mind, junior Liz Wong defeats her competitors in the 100' yard breaststroke at the Urbandale Invitational. She described winning the breaststroke at this meet as her favorite moment on the swim team. Wong also swam in the 100' yard free style, medley free style and the 200' yard free style relay. photo by Phil Wong



Alex Frakes



Arms outstretched in mid-stroke, freshman Alex Frakes swims the first leg of the 200' yard individual medley. "I think the coaches helped a lot and I don't think that we could have gone to state without them," said Frakes.

Pushed on by determination, Frakes struggles to pass her opponents. She swam backstroke in the second leg of her medley. Frakes competed at state in the medley relay and free style relays and the 50' yard free.



After a quick breath, she continues on in the third leg of the 200' yard medley. Each leg of the race was a different stroke, starting with butterfly, then backstroke, breaststroke, and ending in freestyle. photos by Phil Wong



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D DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS

Faced with unexpected obstacles, Innovation pulls together to conclude the season on a high note

Innovation's season became unexpectedly complicated following an incident at the Davenport competition which disqualified five of the group's members from the Totino Grace competition held in Minneapolis, MN.

Although Innovation failed to qualify for Totino Grace finals, director Jody White felt that they gave an inspired performance. "Everybody on stage gave their all. The kids that were there were pouring their heart into the performance to make up for the kids who were gone," said White.

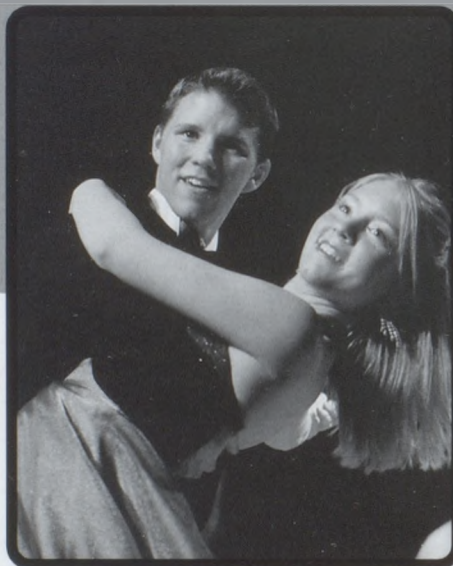
At a time when the group could have splintered, Junior Tommy Avaux felt that they instead chose to unify. He said "It brought us together because we had to work harder to make the show look the same."

With the return of the previously absent group members for the final competition, the Urbandale Invitational, White observed extra effort in practices and a new-found drive for success, "Urbandale was one more chance to come together and try to elevate the show to another level," said White.

To conclude the season, Innovation earned a third place finish in the Urbandale day competition. They also placed third in the finals at the Urbandale night competition. *spread by Julie Crow*



Singing in unison, seniors Laura Von Bon and Ladd Blakely perform to "Begin the Beguine." Von Bon said, "I liked this song because it was very elegant, and our costumes matched the style well." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



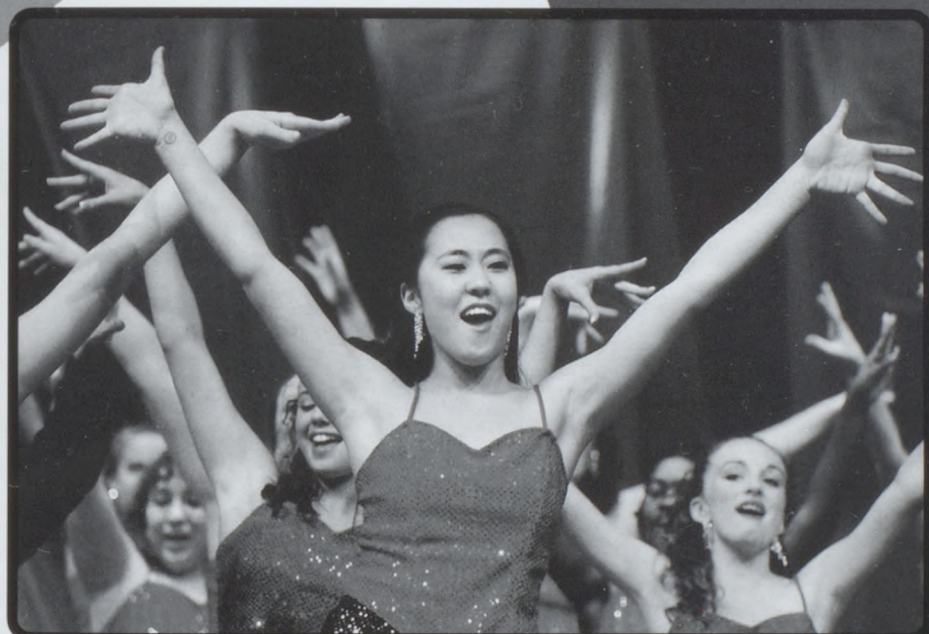
Senior Gabe Carnes dips senior Jonna White as they dance to Innovation's opening song. Innovation practiced every other day during fourth period and Monday nights from 7-10 p.m. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Displaying their acting abilities, senior Stephanie Lamb and sophomore Steven Walter engage themselves in the choreography. Andy Haines choreographed the show which was learned during three weekend rehearsals. *photo by Holmgren*



With enthusiasm on their faces, juniors Scott Jennings, Lindsay Gilbert and Ryan Waltz perform to "Saturday Night is the Loneliest Night of the Week" during the Urbandale Show Choir Invitational on Mar. 29. In addition, Innovation sang "Begin the Beguine", "Heart and Music", "I Feel So Much Spring" and a swing medley. Innovation consisted of 41 singers, eight band members and five crew members. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Sophomore Natasha Kim poses with emotion during a Synnergy performance. "The best part of the show choir competitions is wandering around and meeting new people from other schools," said Kim. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Flanked by freshmen Andrew Goers and Krysten Steen, freshman Megan Danielson dances to the Caribbean beat of Sound Advice's show at Southeast Polk on Mar. 1. Sound Advice placed fourth in the prep division. *photo by Julie Crow*

Group Thoughts



"I enjoyed the swing medley in our show because it was the most fun style of dancing."

- Sarah Carlson, '03



"I liked the Soca medley because it was the hardest and we were moving around the most."

- Ben Hokschi, '06

Climbing the Ladder

No. 1 doubles team finds more intensity at the top

Going from number four doubles to number one from one season to the next is no easy task, but juniors Jim Heldt and Ian Tayner did just that. The pair drew on their chemistry on the court and their friendship off it also.

There were 12 varsity players in 2002, ten of which graduated. Heldt and Tayner had been number four on the doubles ladder, but advanced to number one as the top two remaining. Coach Leslie Shipp said, "They (Heldt and Tayner) both played a lot of tennis in the summer because they knew they'd have to make that transition from four to one. They were the best skills, but they outright earned number one also."

Heldt and Tayner agreed that competition at one doubles is much more intense. "We have to play harder," said Tayner. "We have to hit the ball hard, go for every point; not get intimidated."

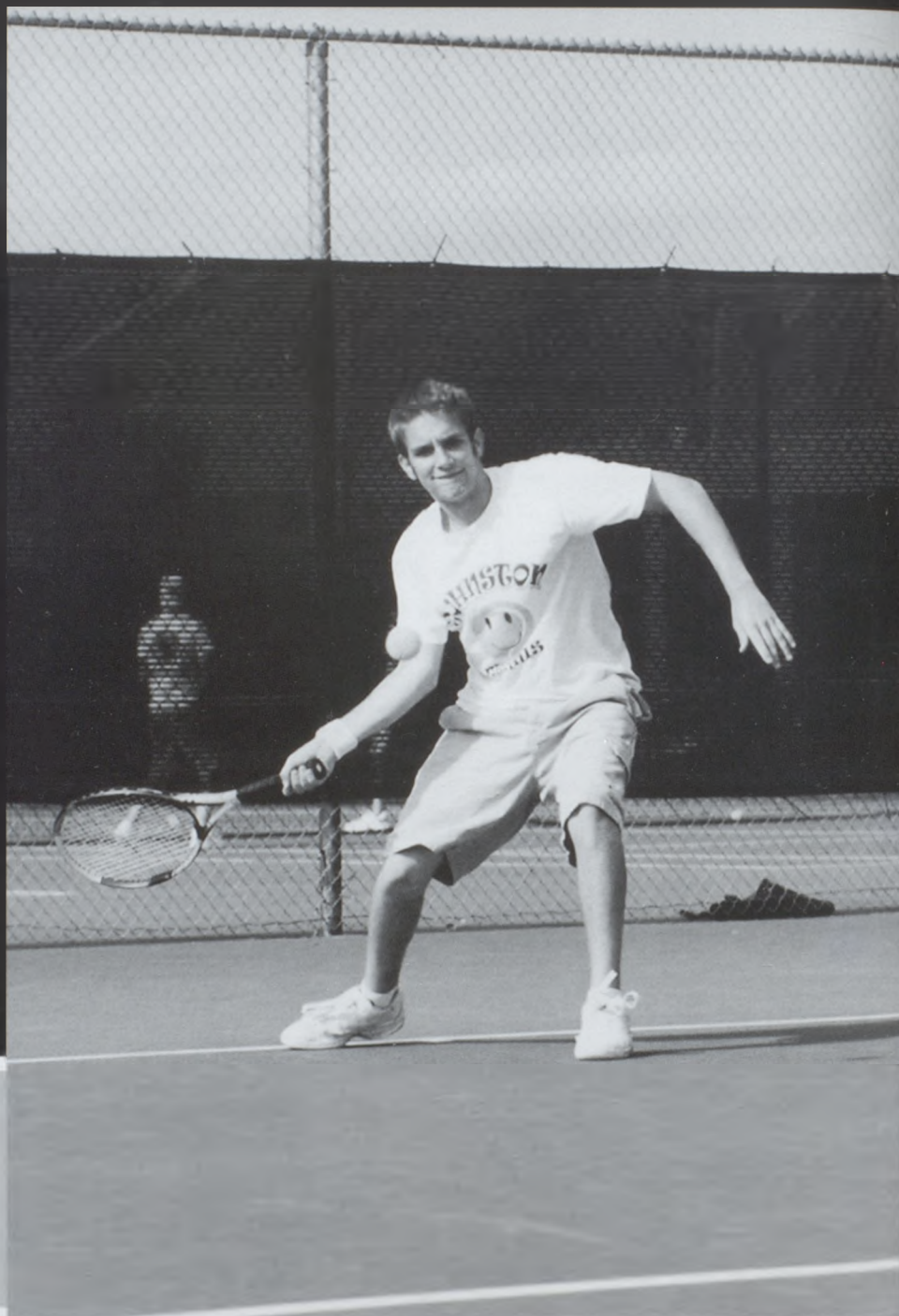
Heldt said preparation during the off-season was essential for playing their best against top-notch teams.

Heldt and Tayner have something that not every doubles team has: a friendship off the court, which Heldt saw as an advantage. "We play really well together. We always know what the other one's going to do," he said.

Shipp also saw something special in the pair. She said, "Sometimes good friends get mad at each other. These two find some way to be friendly off the court, but yet when they're on the court they're really focused and they stay positive, and that's highly unusual." *spread by Stacie Bendixen*

Steadying himself, junior Jim Heldt gets set to receive the ball in the Indianola meet. Heldt thought winter practice was important for him. "When you practice in the summer and then you have all winter off, lots of times you're kind of rusty at the beginning of the season," said Heldt. "Hitting in the winter helped me for the beginning of the year." *photo by Stacie Bendixen*

Up on his toes, senior Nick Ciarimboli returns a serve in the Southeast Polk match. Ciarimboli had been playing tennis with his parents for fun since he was little, but this was his first year playing for school. He said it was a "spur of the moment decision" to join the team because he wanted something to do. Ciarimboli thought the best part was the team's winning record. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*

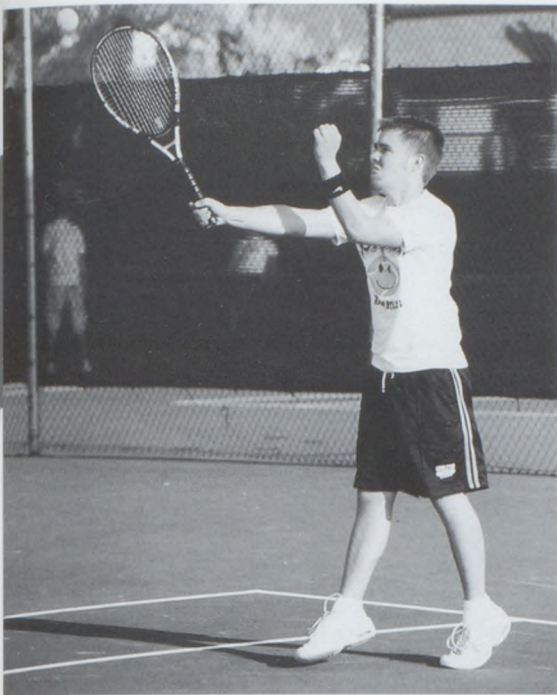


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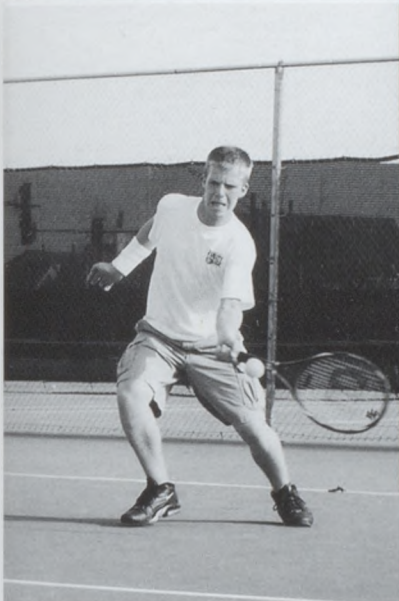
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Senior Bryan Crosser flips his scorecard during a meet against Ottumwa. The scorecards proved to be a problem on blustery days when the wind flipped the cards over, causing some confusion among players. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*

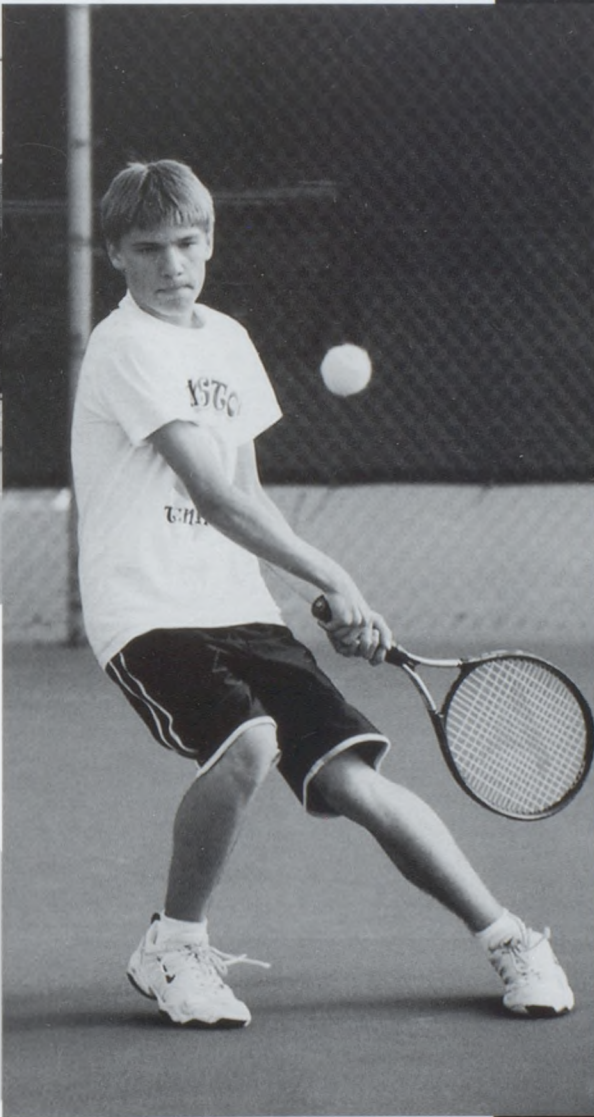


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Squinting against the sun, sophomore Alex Grasso sends the ball through the air. He and his doubles partner, freshman Drew Imhoff, defeated their Marshalltown opponents 8-3. Grasso said his highlight was playing matches against more challenging opponents. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*

With his eye on the ball, freshman Trevor Pullen prepares to smack it across the court. Pullen played doubles with his brother, freshman Andy Pullen. Trevor said it's an advantage playing with his sibling because they can predict each others' moves. He also said, "I feel more comfortable yelling at him." The pair won their match 6-1. *photo by Stacie Bendixen*



Joey Verrant



Focusing on his game, freshman Joey Verrant serves the ball to his Hoover opponent. Verrant knows what it's like to be one of a kind because he is the only freshman on varsity. "Whenever the

coaches assign jobs, they (other players) say, 'Oh have the freshman do it.' They treat me differently, in a joking way," said Verrant. No matter how long they've been playing tennis, everyone has faced an



intimidating opponent. Verrant's strategy was to focus on the ball, which kept him calm. In lighter moments, funny things can happen on the court. Verrant's most memorable moment: "When (junior) A.J. Kohles mooned me while I was playing against him." *photos by Stacie B.*



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Higher in the Hierarchy

Using a backhand to volley the ball, senior Courtney Seibert returns it to the other side of the net. Seibert had played tennis since she was 10 years old and played on varsity for three years. "I like playing, I have done it for a long time. It has both team and individual focus, but I like the team aspect," said Seibert. photo by Lindsey Lockner

Girls adjust to switch in varsity coach

Last season wasn't a very positive one for the varsity team. After the resignation of the former coach, jv coach Deb Nicholson stepped up. "It feels like a more positive environment. She tells us to keep working harder and makes sure we are keeping healthy. He (the former coach) wasn't as personal," said varsity player, junior Nina Lu.

Changes were made in the process of the switch. The atmosphere was more laid back, which allowed players to practice with their friends. They still practiced the same skills and had the same amount of games.

Nicholson's prior knowledge of the game of tennis made the transition smoother. Nicholson said, "By me being more understanding (than the former coach), they have better confidence."

The switch proved effective. She made us more of a team than individuals. "We would always have huddles, put our hands in the middle and yell 'team,'" said senior Melissa Larson, "It made it more fun because instead of competing one on one, it was more of a team thing." Larson ended the season with a 6-0 record.

Although the final overall record was 3-7, it didn't reflect the overall feeling. Junior Ashley Weever said "Every one gave 100% every time they stepped on to the court, but our district is so tuff so it's hard to tell." spread by Elizabeth Janes and Lindsey Lockner



Deb Nicholson, varsity coach, peps up the girls with a speech before districts. "The girl's motivation was going down hill, so I was giving a pep talk to boost their confidence and get them going and ready for the upcoming regional meet," said Nicholson. The varsity record was 1-4 at conference and 3-7 overall. photo by Lindsey Lockner



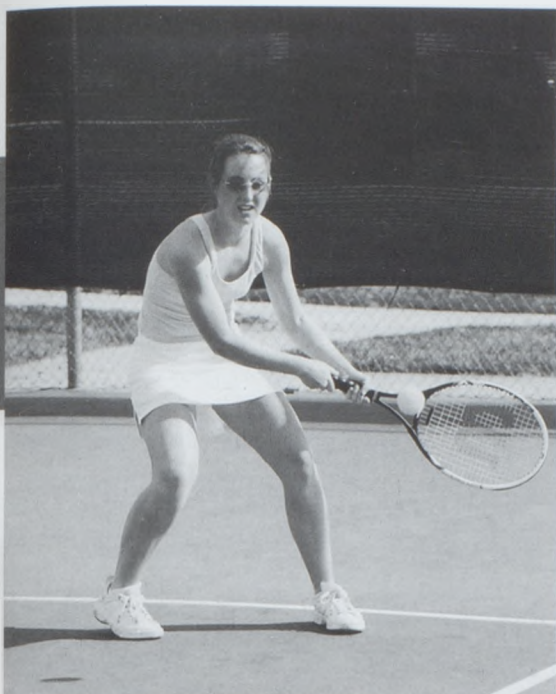
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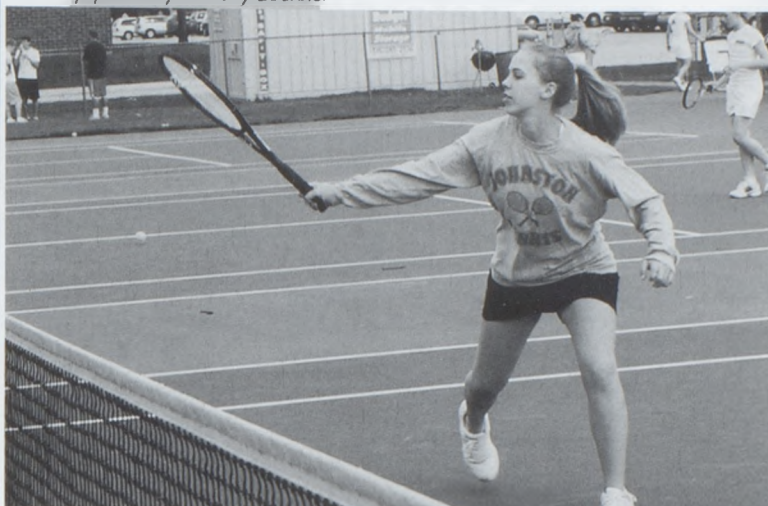
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Running to defend the net during a varsity doubles match sophomore Stephanie Nyquist returns the ball with a vengeance. Her partner, junior Jenna Woody, has her back although isn't pictured. Nyquist played both on JV and varsity. photo by Lindsey Lockner



Senior Michelle Mefferd serves to her opponent at a match against Lincoln. Mefferd lost her match and the team lost their meet. According to Mefferd, her Lincoln opponent was rude and so was the team. Her overall record was 2-8. photo by Matt Putney

During a doubles match, junior Sara Schnell serves the ball to her Hoover opponent. "I try to be inconsistent," said Schnell. "I try to serve in different spots so they have to run to it. At that serve they were on the far part of the court, so I served it short, that way they had to run forward." photo by Lindsey Lockner



Jodi Deal



Senior Jodi Deal returns the ball three times with a forehand to her Urbandale opponent at a Johnston meet. "My opponent was good competition. We were very equally matched," said Deal.

Deal played both singles and doubles each meet. "This was my best year. I liked my partner (senior Sarah Carlson). We got to pick our partners, which made it more fun," said Deal.



Deal was 2-3 in conference and 6-4 overall in varsity singles. In doubles she and Carlson were 3-0 overall. With her second partner, sophomore Stephanie Nyquist, they were 1-1 in conference and overall. photos by Lindsey Lockner

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Senior John Becvar completes the hand off from junior Tommy Avaux in the 4x800 meet at Urbandale. Becvar was the anchor in his races. He had been involved with track since his freshman year, but did not plan to continue in college. photo by Matthew Putney

Freshman Joel Quick tries to shatter his father's record

As Quick began track, he was out to change history. One of Quick's goals was to break the record for the 100 meter dash, set by his father, Jerry Quick, in 1980. "He'd be really proud to have me break it," said Joel. The record stood at 10.8 seconds and Joel's lowest time in the event was near 11 seconds, according to Joel.

Joel said being on varsity as a freshman was a lot of fun and he felt the upperclassman encouraged him to succeed. "I get to follow in the footsteps of the juniors and seniors. Then when I am a junior or senior, I'll be a leader too," said Joel.

Senior Chris Gass also ran varsity when he was a freshman and he was very impressed with Joels' performance. "It's not uncommon for a freshman to run varsity, but it's uncommon for a freshman to do as well as he has," said Gass.

While Joel was unable to break his father's record, he did have a successful season. He usually placed in the top three in his events. Coach Garry Auxier said he thought Joel would grow into a very talented runner, especially in the 400 and 800 meter races. "He's among the elite," said Auxier. *spread by Matt Campbell and Alicia Corron*

Quick sprints down the track competing in the 4x400 at the Boone Invitational. "It was bigger challenge (running with the upperclassmen) because they were faster than the people that I ran with last year. I improved by running with the upperclassmen," said Quick. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



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Sophomore Jason Arment puts himself into a content mental state before he begins running at the Boone Invitational. Sophomore Matt Bole was the block holder for Arment during the 100 meter dash. photo by Cyrus Andrews



Springing in the air, senior Jordan Huewe prepares to race the four by 100 meter relay at the Drake Relays on April 24. Huewe's team qualified for the Drake relays with a time of 44.45 seconds. The requirement to qualify was 45.9 seconds. photo by Matthew Putney

Sophomore Lan Huang sprints down the track, running the 100 meter dash at the Urbandale Invitational. The 100 meter dash consists of eight runners who compete for the best time. Huang's average score is 12.5 seconds. He was in track because he wanted to keep in shape and become a better runner. photo by Matthew Putney



Mike Amick



Putting the 12 lbs. shot put into action, junior Mike Amick tries to put some distance behind his throw. Amick threw 37.5 feet on his second attempt at the Boone Invitational.

Before the meet began, Amick would stretch and warm up to throw. "We really don't take it (warming up) seriously. It doesn't take as much time as the sprinters do because we only throw," said Amick.



Besides participating in shot put, Amick competes in the "four by fat" or the 4x100. Amick said that it was more for the "fat" people so the skinny people wouldn't beat them, according to Amick. photos by Cyrus Andrews



Senior Julie Crow confidently strides towards her adversary, a fellow 1500m runner from Ankeny, during districts at Waukee. Crow, of competitiveness at meets, said, "It's brutal when we're on the track, I mean, I've been elbowed a couple times and I definitely try to catch the person in front of me, but before and after the race we all get along really well." photo by C. Andrews

An increase in freshmen benefits all

The number of freshmen varsity runners in the past usually was five or six, but this season the team was presented with 10.

Coach Craig Oldham felt the freshmen filled in the gaps created by other, older runners' weaknesses in field events and relays. Freshman Kelsey Dicken exemplified this phenomenon; she qualified for state in three events, the sprint medley relay, the individual 400m and the 4x400m relay, more events than anyone else on the team, under or upperclassman.

Though freshmen were dominating the varsity team, seniors said that there were no hard feelings because they were all friends. Senior Stacey Johnson felt the team was actually closer to each other than any other year. "Because everyone was friends with each other, it made it a lot more fun to run," Johnson said.

Oldham, though not having much insight into the fun-ness of running, had similar sentiments in regard to team unity. He said, "The team is closer to each other than they have been in years, and the upperclassmen don't mind the freshman because they are great runners."

The statistics agreed with Oldham; in all but one event that the team qualified for state in a freshman participated. Underclassmen indeed lent the team faster times and better finishes, but it was not a one-sided relationship. The freshmen in turn took from being a part of the team something perhaps more important. "I'm new to Johnston this year, and being on the track team helped me make a lot of new friends," said freshman Emily Depenning. spread by Cyrus Andrews and Woody Brenton

Nearing the finish, freshman Kelsey Dicken runs the final lap of the sprint medley relay. Dicken ran varsity, and was on the soccer team at the same time. Dicken missed "a lot" of soccer practices and games because of track. For Dicken, track always came first. "I like soccer more than track, but since I'm better at track, it comes first," said Dicken. photo by Woody Brenton



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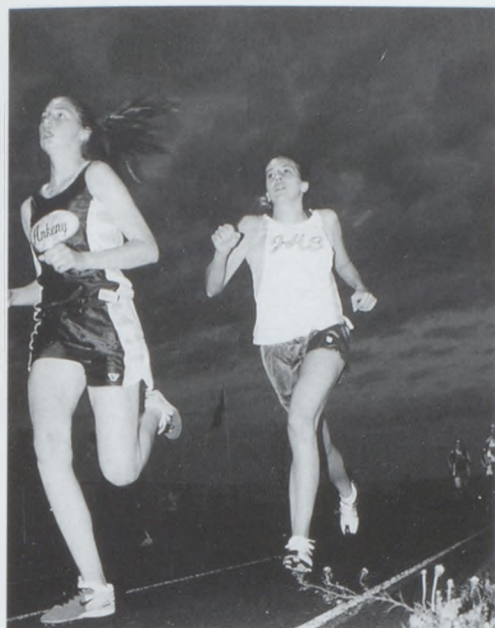
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Sighting her landing, senior Amanda Freese flies through the air during a 15' 10" long jump at districts. Freese's leap fell two inches short of the distance required to compete in the state meet. She said, "I was disappointed. It was my best jump of the season, but it wasn't enough to get to state." photo by C. A.



Determined junior Martha Meiners takes heed of a hurdle on her way to the finish at Carlisle. Meiners ran in the shuttle hurdle relay with teammates freshman Ashley Meade, sophomore Sara Embrey, and fellow junior Charlie Richter. The four ran at the state meet a time of 1:05.66, the 11 fastest time in Iowa. photo by Cyrus Andrews

Brooklyn DeSart, freshman, hurls the discus at the Urbandale invitational. Urbandale was the only meet in which DeSart competed at the varsity level due to a throw of 87ft. The previous week. At the Urbandale meet, DeSart threw the the dark disc a shorter 80'6". DeSart said she participated in track hoping to beat her mother's shot-put record, but she didn't. photo by Phil Wong



Chelsea Hudson



Exhaling senior Chelsea Hudson stresses before starting the distance medley at districts. Of the instance, Hudson said, "I was terrified. Whenever I start a race I'm afraid of all the things that could go wrong —I'm afraid I'll

forget the baton and leave it on the ground, or that I'll slip out of the blocks and get a bad start, or that I'll not get a good lead for the team. At the district meet I was especially worried because it was our only



chance to qualify for state." As it turned out, Hudson and the other runners of the distance medley did not move fast enough to qualify for state, but Hudson and another group of girls did in another event, the sprint medley. photos by Cyrus James Andrews

T GROWING TOGETHER

Seniors make the journey through high school with technology teacher Tim Brickley

When Brickley started off the year, he had familiar faces in class. Students that had been with Brickley since both of them started here decided to take him again as seniors. Together they labored to produce the daily video announcements.

Familiar faces, including senior Aaron Holmgren who had previously taken the class, provided experience that helped the class run more smoothly. "It makes it easier (having them in class) for me, because they have equipment that they know how to use,"

said Brickley. Seniors Ashley Parker and Mason Viera were both veterans of Brickley's classes, and both agreed that Brickley's way of running class made him a good teacher. "I've enjoyed Brickley's classes, because he's young so he's on the same level as kids," said Parker.

Viera, who was in Brickley's first video production class, noted that Brickley's personality helps the class. "He's not serious all the time. He brings humor and sarcasm into teaching," said Viera.

Brickley agreed that spending his first four years with these students has been beneficial.

"It's a neat year for me, I get to see all you guys (seniors) grow up," said Brickley. *spread by M. Campbell and S. Cameron*



With her library iMac, senior Tina Mark records voice clips for a segment entitled "Craft Time with Tina." The segment taught viewers how to make paper flowers. Mark said she liked the challenge of producing quality work. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



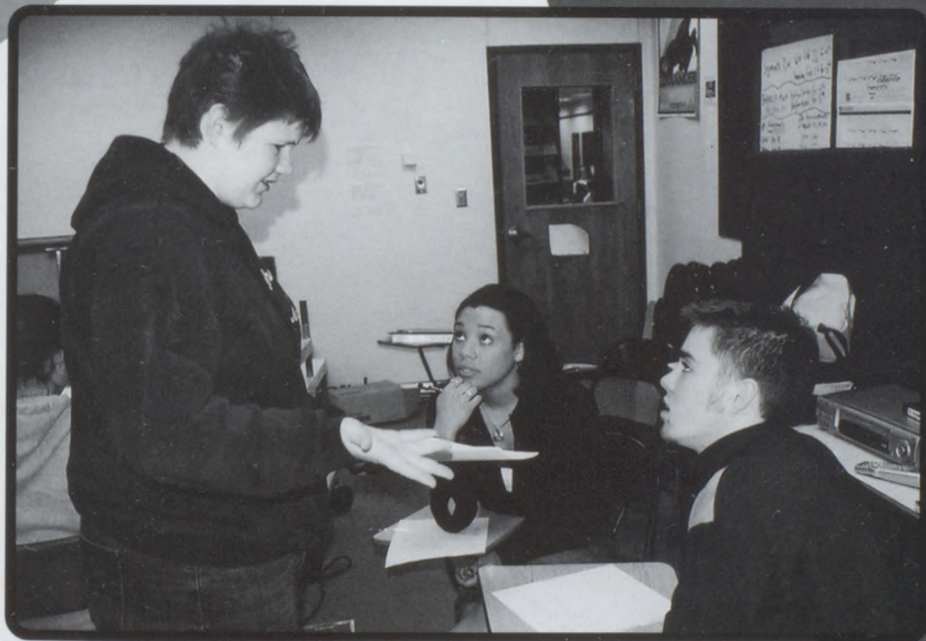
Leaning, with her head in her hand, senior Katie Gannon works on her segment. Gannon said editing was her favorite part of class. "I like to take the rough draft and see it come together," said Gannon. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



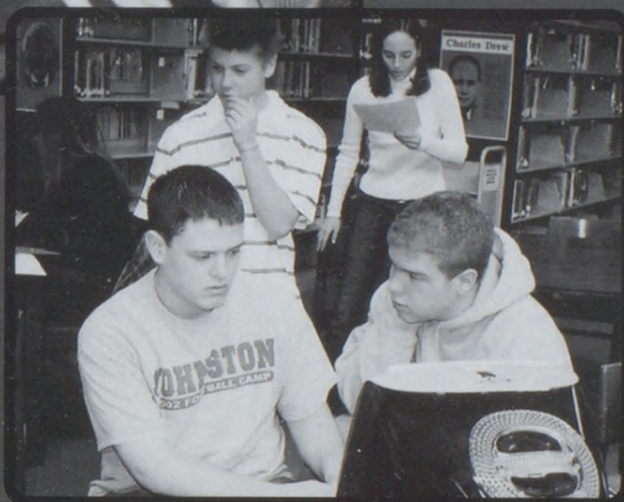
While rockstars look on, sophomore Cole Brackney adjusts a tripod in preparation for taping the announcements. Brackney enjoyed the announcements, but liked the creativity of individual projects, like music videos, better. *photo by Matt Campbell*



Spreading important information to students throughout the campus via dynacom, seniors Mike Stange and Ashley Wirtz anchor the JHS news. Each week, two students were chosen on a rotating basis to anchor the daily broadcast. Anchors read the announcements off a teleprompter. "You have to make it look like your not reading it, so you run through it a couple times to make it a little easier," said Stange. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



Junior Megan Kempf, seniors Chelsea Hudson and Nick Ciarimboli conference over questions on an assignment during second period video production. The students worked to come up with an idea for a movie. *photo by Steph Cameron*



At the computer for a group pow-wow, seniors Jimmy Cate and Cameron Heverly write a script for a group project while group members senior Kelsea Watkins and sophomore Hudson Lewis look on in the background. The project, a commercial, was scrapped due to schedule conflicts. *photo by Matt Campbell*

Group Thoughts



"I'm camera shy. The class helped to calm my fears and gave me confidence in myself."
- Erin Smith, '03



"Along with being a great way to learn about videos, it taught me about people skills and sarcasm."
- Matt Johnson, '04

RACKIN' 'EM UP

In order to keep the ball in play, sophomore Mindy Schoop plunges to the floor. Schoop really liked team sports because of all the support she received on and off the court. She said that when she was on the court and made a mistake, her teammates weren't very hard on her. She felt that even when if she made one mistake, it wouldn't affect the whole match. photo by Matt Putney

After nine seasons, Brooks accumulates 200th win

When the final point was scored following a tight game against Fairfield in the Oskaloosa tournament, it signified more than just an ordinary win. That game required the team to come from behind to win and gave coach Rick Brooks his 200th win.

Coach Brooks discovered that he was close to 200 wins when he was putting together some volleyball history over the summer. However, the team was unaware of Brooks' record until the beginning of the season. They found out about his success when coach Beth Ward relayed the message to the senior captains Stacey Johnson and Kayla Casey. Johnson and Casey then told the rest of the team. "Achieving 200 wins was a driving factor for our team before we got it," said Johnson.

To celebrate the occasion, the team TP-ed Brooks' house the evening of the win. Also, the captains compiled a scrapbook of pictures, rosters and letters from old players that they presented to Brooks on senior night.

Although he was excited about achieving 200 wins as a coach, his personal winning record wasn't his top priority. "Wins aren't something I really care about, except for the school's record," said Brooks. Instead, he said he got more satisfaction from his players' achievements off the court. "Success that kids have outside the sport means they've learned something in athletics, like how to persevere or to keep their head up." spread by Kristin Boscaljon and Julie Crow

With the home court advantage, junior Katie Johnson serves the ball to Ankeny. Johnson said that a major strength the team had was playing well together. She thought the seniors were some of the most effective leaders because they provided a lot of positive encouragement, and they pushed to help them reach their goals. photo by Matthew Putney



Volleyball

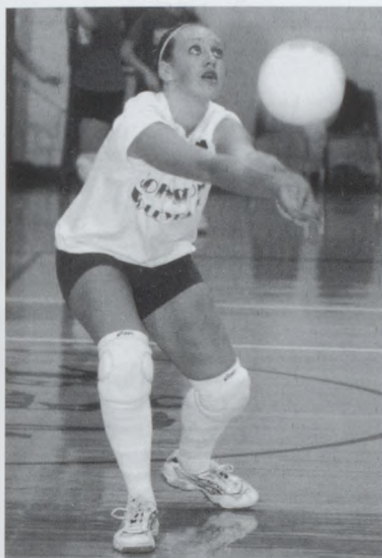
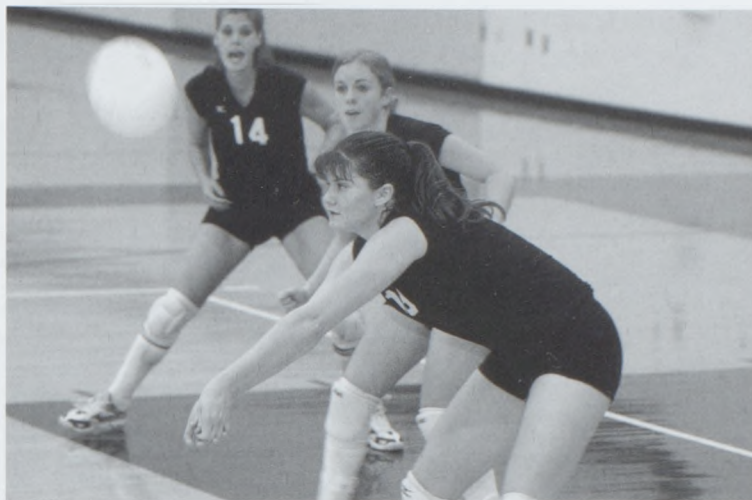
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Junior Abbie Toney receives the ball while Stephanie Cameron and Sarah Porter look on. Toney felt that the most disappointing loss the team had was to Urbandale. "We knew we could beat them, but we didn't pull it out that night." photo by Putney



Ready to hit, freshman Allison Norelius concentrates on the task at hand. Norelius felt that the freshmen players really came together as a team. "We were a team instead of six girls on the court," said Norelius. photo by Matthew Putney

Perfecting her pass, junior Kayla Flanigan makes it count. "In the beginning, the jv team had some trouble passing, and people didn't expect a lot out of us," said Flanigan. She thought that by the end, the team had really improved with their passing skills. "We won quite a few games, and when we had to we really stepped up and played," she said. photo by Matthew Putney

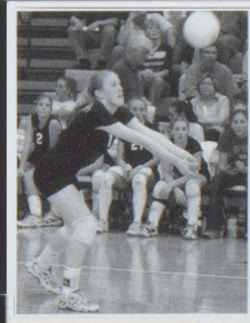


Kayla Casey



With determination evident on her face, senior Kayla Casey hits the ball. Casey felt hitting was her weakness. "I couldn't hit as hard as the other girls, so I had to work on placing the ball," said Casey.

Without hesitation, Casey steps up to the ball. She believed that teamwork was necessary to any successful season. "If everybody doesn't give 100 percent, then it never works," said Casey.



Awaiting the arrival of the ball, Casey visualizes the hit. She thought her biggest accomplishment was helping the team win enough games for Brooks to reach his 200th win. photos by Matthew Putney



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TAKING THE INITIATIVE

Students help the community by having a genuine care for the work they do

Beginning their senior year, students look to the plethora of choices for how to fulfill their service learning requirements. To graduate, students had to complete 30 hours of an approved service project.

Four years ago the school board produced a list of goals called functional results. Some of which were to become more involved in the community, communication and problem solving. "I hope that students get a sense of

pride that they truly changed a life, you're faced with new challenges that

help you find out how talented of an individual you are," said social studies teacher Jerry Stratton.

However, many underclassmen are able to gain experience before their senior year because they are already volunteering.

Although she does not receive credit for her service, sophomore Wendy Xu donates one Thursday a month to serve in the Des Moines juvenile court.

"I want to become a lawyer after college, so I felt that the best way to experience what a lawyer does is seeing them in court," said Xu. According to Xu, by watching the trials, she could learn from the others mistakes. *spread by Phil Wong*



Side by side, seniors Justin Fenimore and Brian McMillen walk in the Race for the Cure on Oct. 17 to support the fight against breast cancer. "We wanted to do something to help, because Brian's mom is a survivor," said Fenimore. *photo by Phil Wong*



Junior Missy King holds tightly onto kindergartner Janet San Elias as they begin their descent down the slide. King helped at the after school program, The Haven, at United Methodist Church for students attending Moulton Elementary School. *photo by Phil Wong*



Graciously accepting money, senior Saeed Tohki helps raise food and money for the Food Bank of Iowa. The drive was coordinated by Tohki and was held at The Fallout Shelter. Local bands played to raise money. According to Tohki, the drive raised more than \$500 and 200 pounds of canned food. *photo by JoAnn Van Vleet*



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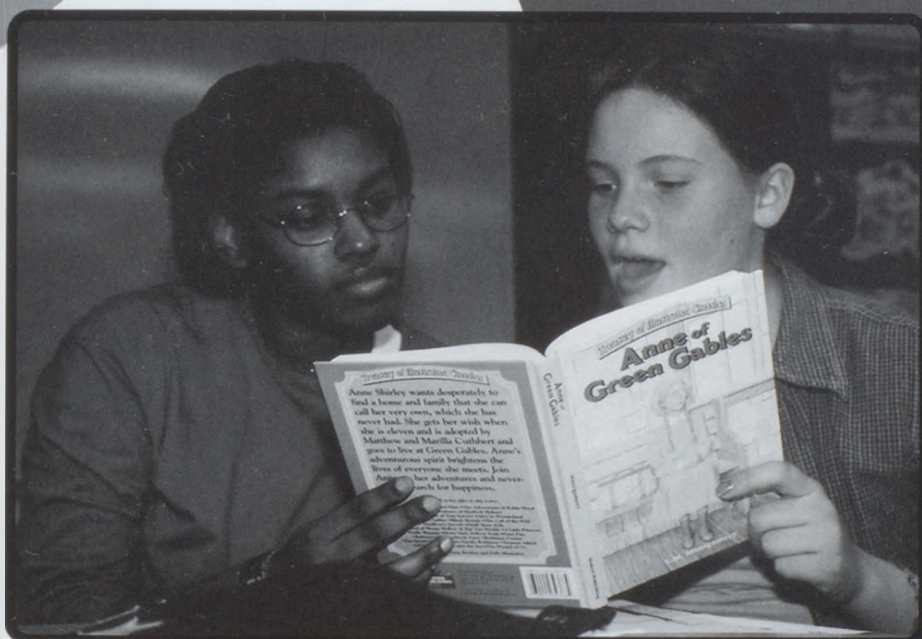
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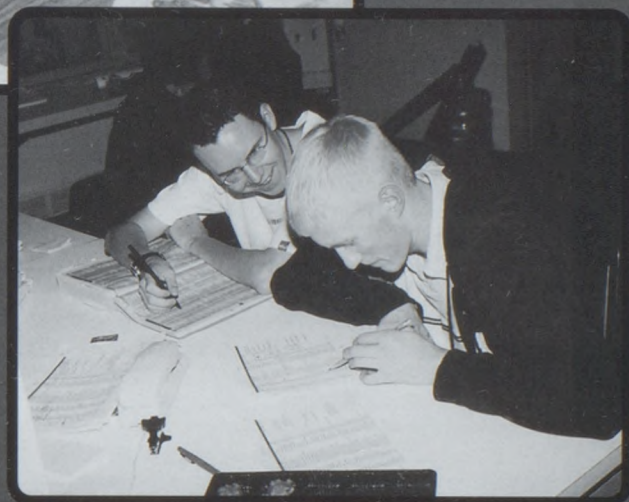
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At Beaver Creek Elementary School, sophomore Meredith Cronin embraces her tutees after they practice fractions using apples and caramel. "Using fun things to teach students hard concepts helps them remember what they are taught longer," said Cronin. Cronin sacrificed her early dismissals to work with students. photo by Phil Wong



Listening to fifth grader Haley Nelson read, sophomore Erin Sams lends a helping hand during the Builders program at Wallace Elementary School. Sams dedicated time on every early dismissal to mentor and tutor students who needed her help. photo by Phil Wong



Checking their phone lists, seniors Mike Stange and Matt Campbell prepare to call potential Republican voters to come out and support Congressman Greg Ganske. The "get out and vote" initiative was a major part of campaigning for both political parties to get nonvoters to vote, according to Campbell. photo by Phil Wong

Group Thoughts

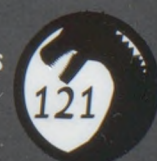


"It is kind of funny that you can have forced volunteer work, which defeats the purpose."
- Chris Meade, '03



"Volunteering may seem like a lot of work, but the effects on the community are invaluable."
- Abbie Toney, '04

Organizations





3rd TIME AROUND

Senior Blake Hainline takes one last shot at a state title

Going into his final district championship match against Grant Ruge of Fort Dodge, 112 lbs. senior Blake Hainline knew he couldn't give anything less than his best. A two-time state qualifier, Hainline had been in this situation twice before. He placed first at districts his sophomore year and second his junior year. Win or lose, he was going to the state tournament for a third time.

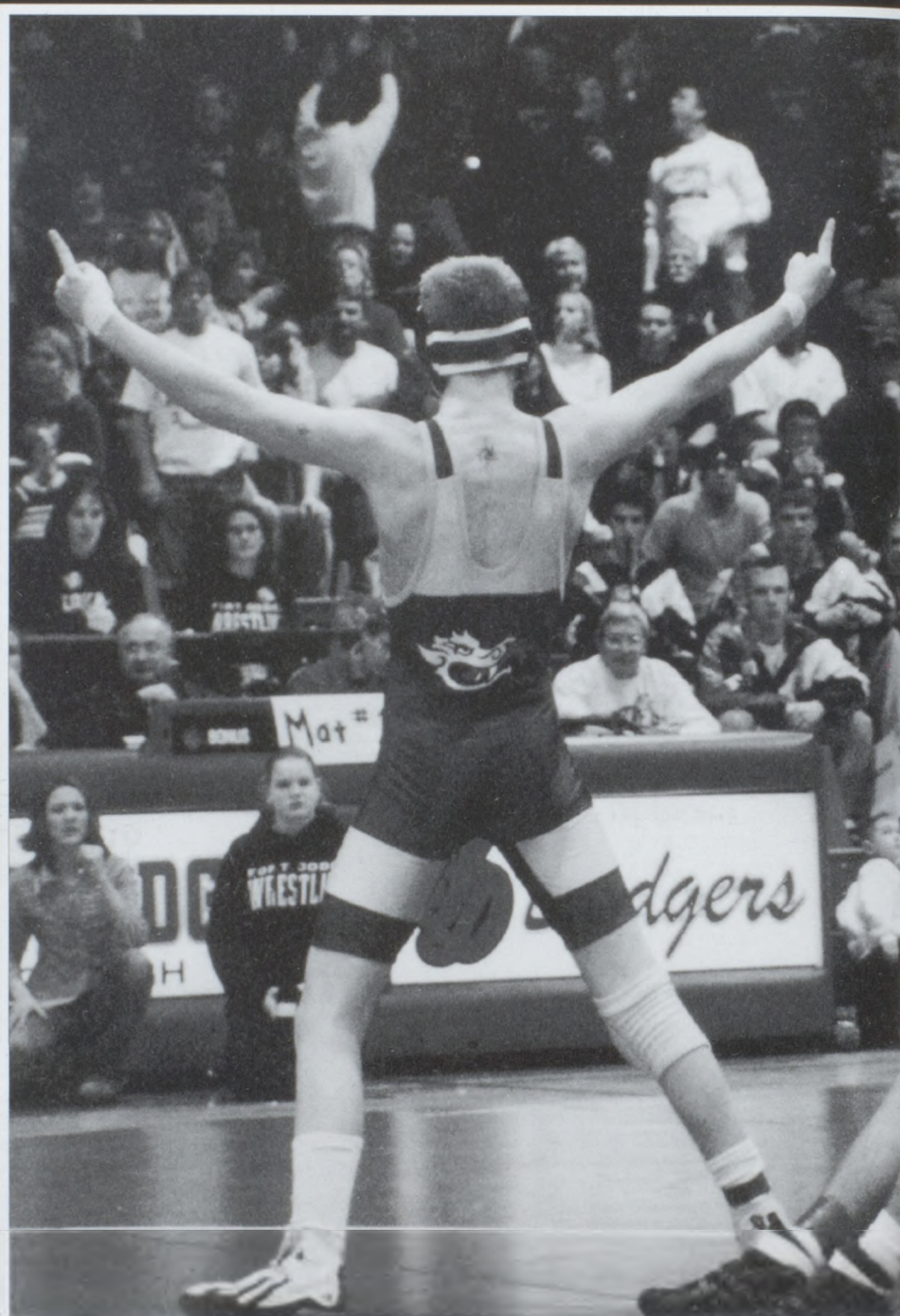
"I knew he (Ruge) was tough," said Hainline, "I knew I'd have a hard time taking him down." Hainline was also wrestling in his opponent's home gym, and the legions of Fort Dodge fans greatly outnumbered Johnston's. The match went into overtime, but Hainline managed to score four takedowns before time expired, giving him a 10-8 win in front of his antagonist's own gym. As the referee blew the whistle, Hainline leapt up and thrust his hands triumphantly into the air, all the while his opponent still lie in repose on the mat, reeling from the pangs of defeat.

"I was excited that I beat him," said Hainline, "It made me feel good that I worked that hard and won." Hainline's performance at state, however, wasn't as exciting as he had hoped. Eliminated after losing his first two matches, Hainline had missed his final chance to place at the state wrestling tournament.

"Competing in front of that many people is an experience that I will take with me," said Hainline, "It will definitely help me later in my life." *spread by Aaron Holmgren*

After trouncing Fort Dodge's Grant Ruge in the class 3A 112 lbs. district championship match, senior Blake Hainline peers over his opponent's home crowd as the Johnston fans go into a frenzy. This was Hainline's second first place finish at districts. Hainline finished the season with a record of 27 wins and 16 losses. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Senior Seth Van Roekel halts Ballard's Jacob Motsinger from locking arms around his torso. Van Roekel's season was sullied by an injured rotator cuff, which he had torn the year before, and he had to wear a shoulder brace. "It was more of a hindrance for me," said Van Roekel, "I don't think my opponents really ever took advantage of it." *photo by Aaron Hall Holmgren*



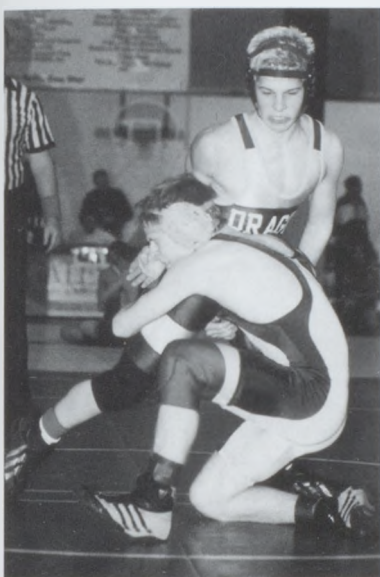
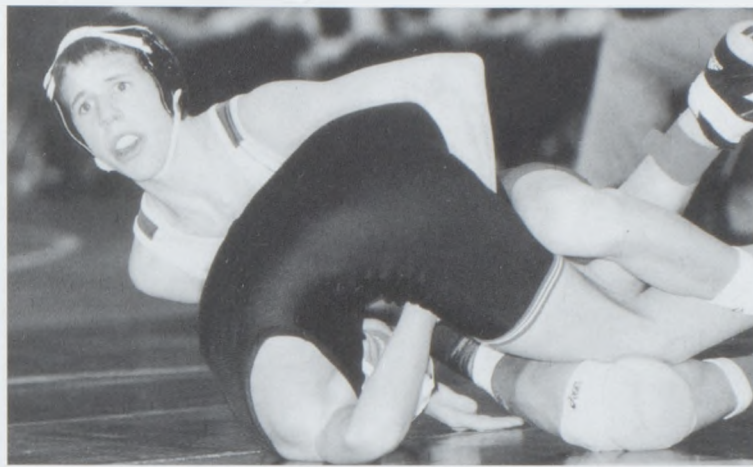
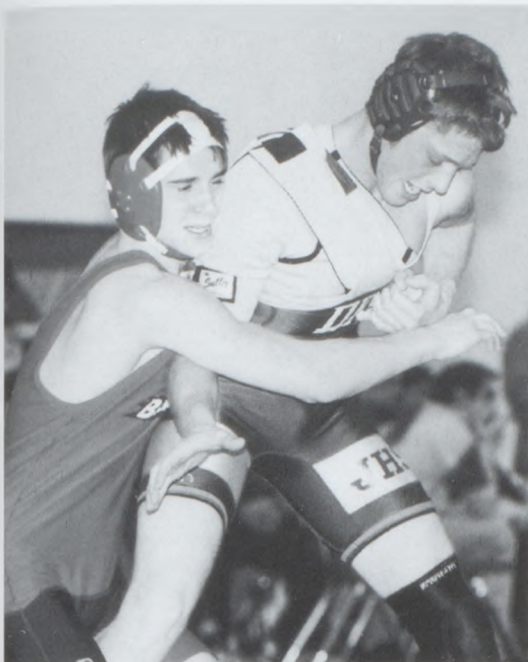
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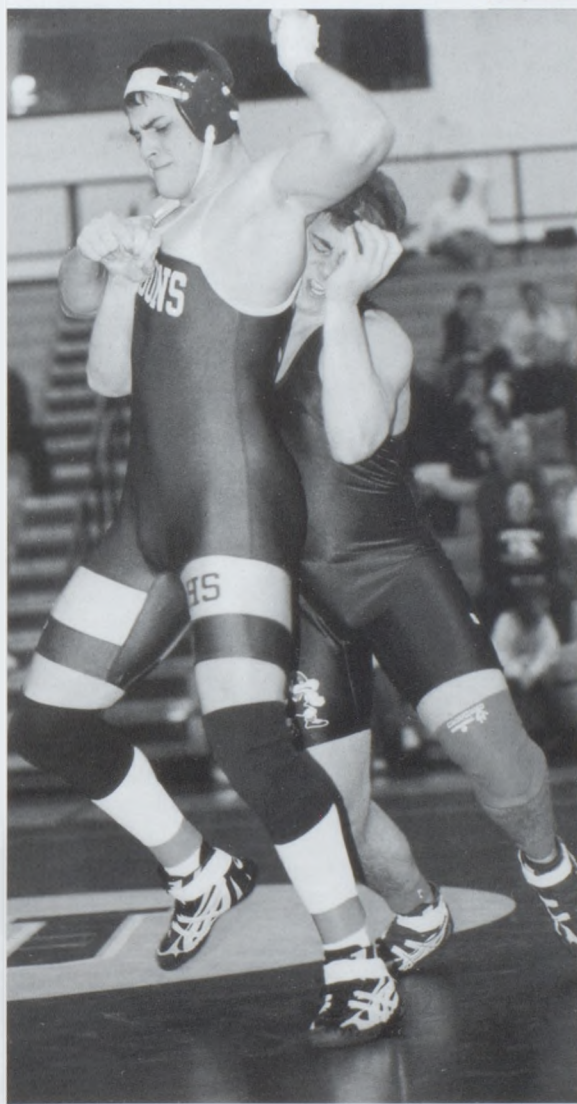
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"Should I pin him?" freshman Brett Turner asks head coach Brian Reece at the Johnston Invitational. Reece said "Yes," and Turner complied, winning the 103 lbs. varsity match against ADM's Scott Ockerman in less than one minute. Turner's record was 30-7. photo by Aaron Holmgren



Battling against a viselike grip, freshman Pat Freese tries to escape from the clutches of Ankeny's Eric Remus. "I really just couldn't get away from him," said Freese, "I could barely stand up." Freese wrestled varsity in the 119 lbs weight class. photo by Aaron Hall Holmgren

Senior Stewart Nelson breaks free from the grasp of Urbandale's 215 lb. Jake Shandri. Nelson lost the match in the closing seconds, 5-6. After wrestling as a freshman, Nelson waited until his senior year to return. He placed second at the district meet and advanced to the state tournament for his first time. Nelson placed eighth at state, winning two of his four matches. photo by Aaron Hall Holmgren



Matt Brown



Freshman Matt Brown grapples for a varsity position against senior Blake Hainline at the intersquad meet. In the end Hainline's nine years of experience gave him the edge, and Brown lost.

In his first match, Brown winces in pain as Des Moines East's Brian York tries to pin his shoulders to the mat. York's attempt was unsuccessful, but Brown could not recover, and lost the match 5-10.



Atop the third place step, Brown stands proud after the district meet. Brown was one of six Johnston wrestlers to place in the top three at districts. photos by Aaron Holmgren

ONWARD TO IMPROVEMENT

Adviser Leslie Shipp is out for two and a half months on maternity leave and Anne Koth takes over

While Shipp was at Methodist Hospital having her first child, Tate William Larson, her high school English teacher, Koth, subbed for her Journalism classes.

During Shipp's absence, Koth served as the advisor. The editors, seniors Jennifer Herrmann and Jenna Stone, served as the teachers, according to Koth. "The seniors ran the show. They knew what came next and I just worked to help them with the little things," said Koth.

During the two and a half months that Shipp was absent, everything went well.

"Things went smoothly when I was gone. Koth would call me if they had any questions and she went out of her way to get things done like the senior photos," said Shipp.

The first day of the second semester, Jan. 20, Shipp returned. "The problem with coming back was more with me than with the students," said Shipp, "I didn't know how far a long everyone was and I was lost for a while. It took two weeks before I caught up and knew where everyone was at."

At the end of the week, Shipp threw a fondue party with the staff to celebrate her return.

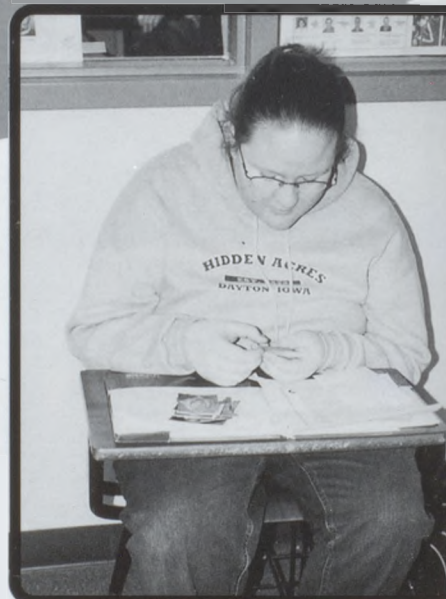
"We had a fundue shindig and it made me happy because it gave me a break from the class," said junior Rachel Vorm. *spread by Stephanie Nicole Cameron*



A top of Shipp's desk, Stone looks over the January page. Stone and Herrmann became the editors as juniors when the staff made a change to the editing staff. According to Stone, editing takes at least five hours a week, but it is more during a deadline. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



On the computer, senior Dave Siebert works on end pages for the back of the yearbook. Siebert drew 28 students and two teachers using page maker. For the end pages, Siebert said it took 45 hours total and 90 minutes per person. *photo by Sheena Wendel*



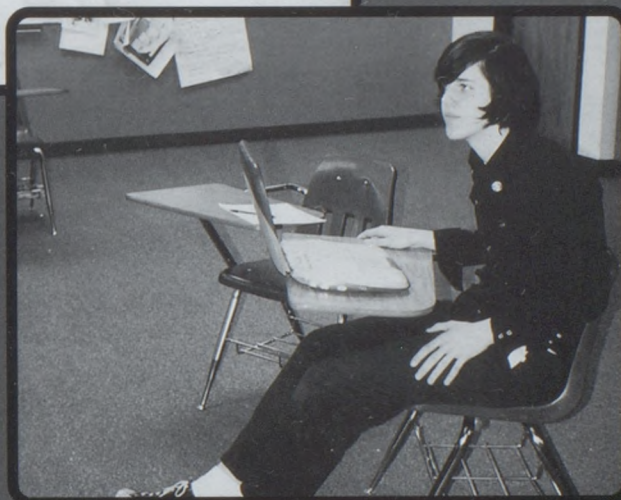
Inserting a sticker onto the back of a photo for her senior mug page, sophomore Elizabeth Janes goes to work. "Sticking the stickers on the back of all 42 pictures got really repetitive and it was boring, but someone has to do it," said Janes. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



Marc Havnen, the Herff Jones representative, and Shipp explore a software program. The program was provided by the yearbook company and supposed to help the students with the transition period from film photography to digital photography. The students used photo shop which made the pictures lighter or darker. Photo Shop was easier but more restrictive than the program they were looking at. photo by Stephanie Cameron



At the IHSPA convention, sophomores Amanda Cook, Megan O'Toole and Afton Simpson listen intently on how to do designs. The convention was held on Oct. 9 at the Sherman Building in Ames. It lasted all day and it cost \$15. It was offered to newspaper and yearbook students. photo by Matthew Putney



Out of ideas, junior Woody Brenton stops to think about what to do next on the lap-top computer. He worked with senior Aaron Holmgren on pages at the computer. "The lab top is different because it has the internet and air port so it can be used where ever," said Brenton. photo by Stephanie Cameron

Group Thoughts



"I have never been in a class that constructs a book before so I joined for the experience."

- Giedre Miniotaite, '02



"My favorite thing about the class is the people in it, because they always make me laugh."

- Marin Viera, '05

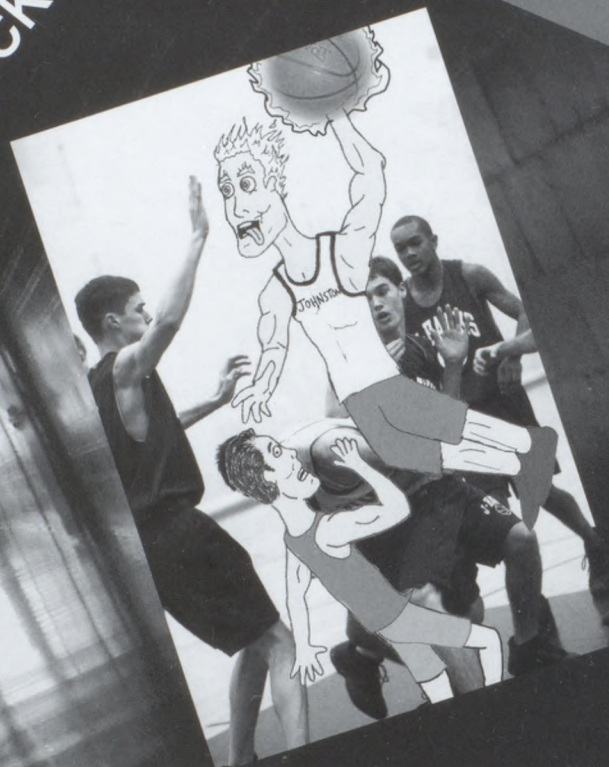
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Jeff's incredible abilities were noticed by only one man... His name was Maxwell Putley, a photographer for the school news paper...

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★ **People** ★

Jonathan Burns

photo by Jenna Stone

AKA: Burnsy

Profile of an executive

spread by Jenna Stone

★ Strengths ★

Jon claims he enjoys working his two jobs. "I stick with things and I'm true to my word," says Jon. He says he is always honest, hardworking and a pretty good student. Math is one of his strongest subjects.

★ Weaknesses ★

It seems to Jon that he has poor time management skills. Also, he says that he spends money too easily and puts too much emphasis on material things. Jon also wishes he could be more of a people person, so that he wouldn't feel like a "loner."

★ Goals ★

Focused on what he wants in life, Jon has plans to climb the corporate ladder all the way to the executive position. Jon says he wants, "To go and finish up at a four-year college and start working with a major corporation, maybe in the automobile industry."



Stocking the apple section of the produce aisle, Burns puts in his hours on a weeknight. He worked about 25 hours a week with Hy-Vee. Burns worked at the Hy-Vee® corporate office before adding on his job at the Urbandale grocery store. photo by Jenna Stone



Clearing the puck out of the reach of the opposing side, Burns defends the zone for his roller hockey team at the championship game. The Force, Burns' team, was triumphant with a win of 5-4. "It took a lot to get there and even more to win." photo by Cheri Burns

His Allies



"One time we went off-roading with the Land Rover guys and did crazy stuff that most cars would flip over doing."
-senior, Jonathan Ceolla

"He's really into cars, and he thinks his Land Rover® can do anything. He claims everything in Europe is better made than here (U.S.A.)."

-senior, Ladd Blakely





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Adam Frei

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Profile of a page

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★ Strengths ★

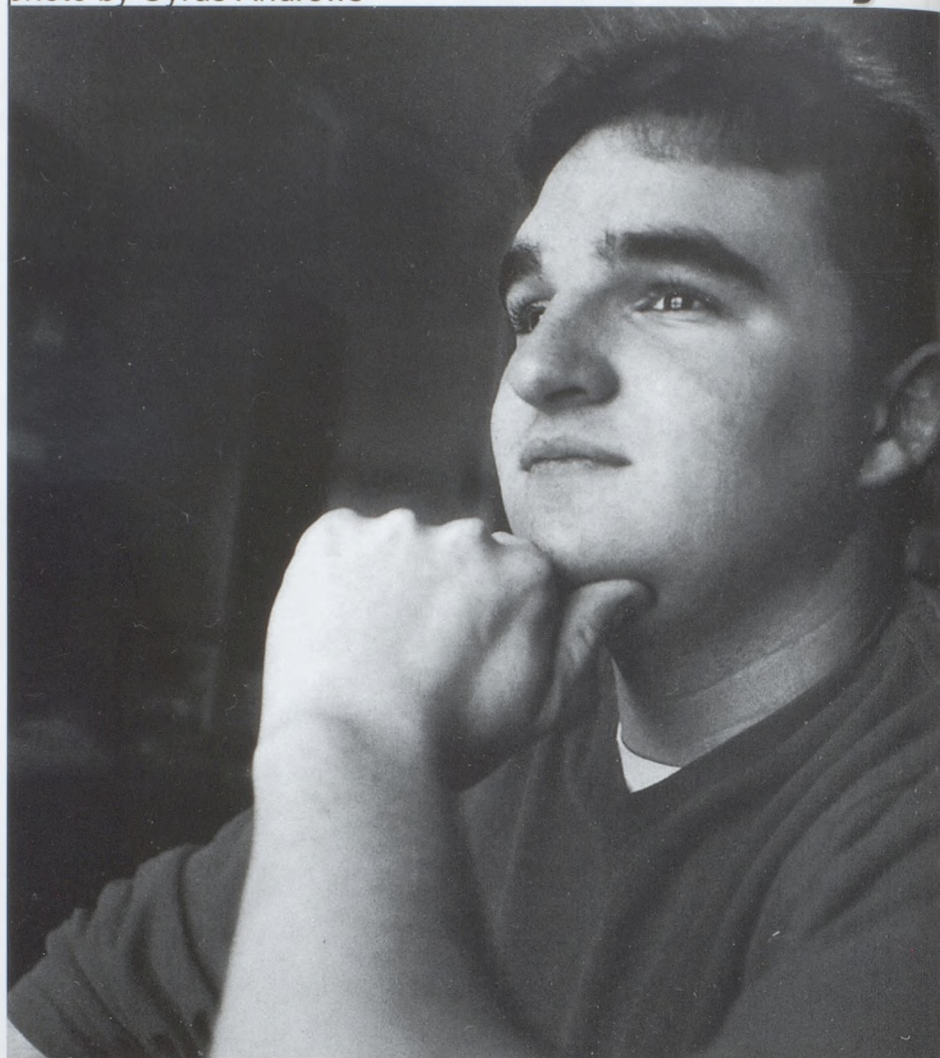
Adam feels his most amiable characteristic is his dedication to his word; he is very responsible. Perhaps due to this Adam makes above average marks in his academic subjects. Also, Adam sees himself as ambitious, hard-working and focused.

★ Weaknesses ★

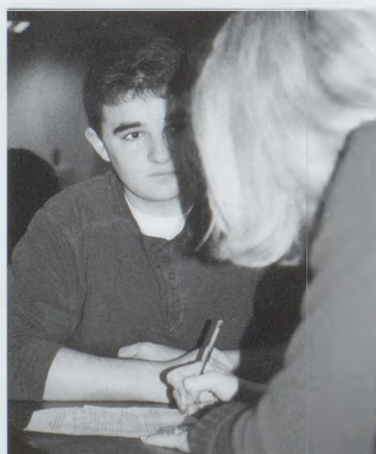
Adam says he is shy around those he isn't familiar with and sometimes overly ambitious around those he is. He has a quick temper and occasionally overlooks other's needs for his own. He seldom feels strong emotions and thus has trouble relating to persons who do.

★ Goals ★

After high school, Adam plans to go the University of Iowa and eventually receive his B.A. with a major in political science. After graduation, he will attend law school and then perhaps work in corporate law. He plans eventually to become an elected official.



Dressed to kill, Frei scans a print-out for errors. During the second semester of his senior year, Frei worked full-time as a page for the Iowa House of Representatives. photo by Cyrus Andrews



Frei listens as his AP English teacher Sarah Wessling speaks during a conference the two previously arranged. Frei was unable to attend class regularly due to his job; instead he met with his teachers once a week and turned in and received assignments at that time. photo by Cyrus Andrews

His Allies



"So we're all sitting there in government class, nobody's listening, and Stratton asks a question. Adam is the one who always has the answer."
-senior, Shae Ary

"I remember one time in Bio-tech some people didn't like Adam's views on abortion. They were rather nasty, but Adam didn't retaliate."

-senior, Marshall Henry





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People



Kristen Hanson

photo by Julie Crow

AKA: Cricket

Profile of an enthusiast

spread by Julie Crow

★ Strengths ★

Using her optimism and positive attitude, Kristen has no problem acquainting herself with new people. According to Kristen, she also has a mellow outlook on life and is laid back when it comes to school, work and socializing.

★ Weaknesses ★

Punctuality is a near impossibility for Kristen. She makes a whole-hearted attempt to give herself adequate transit time, by planning ahead and leaving early. However, she can never manage to arrive at her destination on time.

★ Goals ★

Kristen hopes to attend the University of Kansas and obtain a degree in either advertising or design. She would also like to attend beauty school, "just for fun." In the future, Kristen plans on living in numerous states and visiting various countries.



Carefully aligning the products, Hanson stocks the shelves at Trade Secret in Merle Hay Mall. Hanson took monthly classes to learn about the various hair products. "I have to know what product does what to your hair," said Hanson. photo by Julie Crow



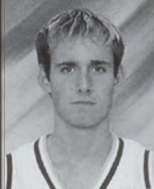
In order to improve her strength, flexibility and conditioning for cheerleading, Hanson works out in the weight room. "Working out helps me have more endurance and energy for cheering," said Hanson. photo by Julie Crow

Her Allies



"When we're together, Kristen and I eat, drive around and tell each other about everything that's going on in our lives."
-senior, Ande Skinner

"Kristen is a comedian who's always laughing, and in general a really fun person to be around."
-junior, Ben Jenkins





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Profile of an extrovert

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★ Strengths ★

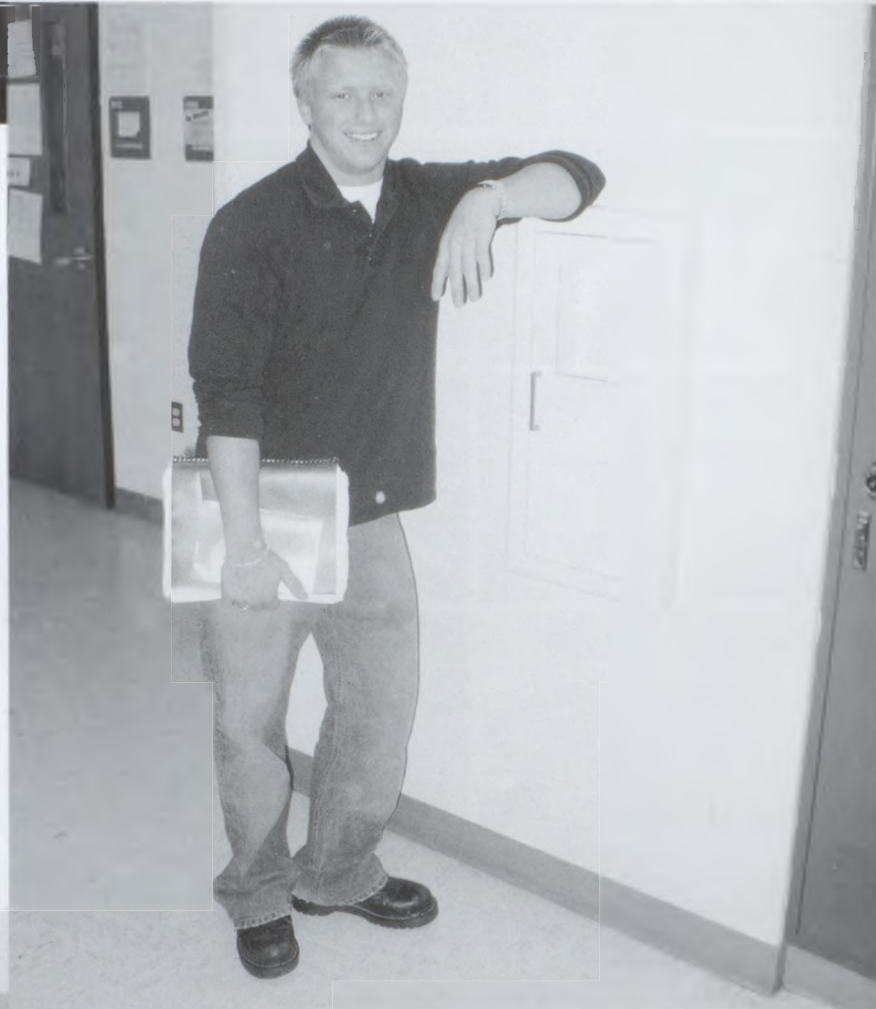
Brian is someone who is dedicated to his work, and likes to get things done on time. He always makes sure that he gets them done correctly as well. Being a dedicated friend is another way he describes himself.

★ Weaknesses ★

Keeping a level head is something that doesn't come natural for Brian. He gets stressed out and easily angered. He can get a bad temper when he tries to let out his stress. He may come off to some people as a mean person, but he says he's a fun guy.

★ Goals ★

Currently employed by his father at United Services of Des Moines, Brian hopes to someday take control of his dad's disaster restoration company. He plans to attend the University of Iowa and graduate with a degree in business management and finance.



Brian McMillen helps hold the books for his girlfriend, freshman Karina Baymiller as she prepares to open her locker in the government hallway. photo by Matthew Putney



Senior Brian McMillen hops in his car after leaving school. McMillen had early dismissal, which allowed him to leave school early. photo by Matthew Putney

His Allies

"Brian can always make someone smile. He memorizes funny lines from movies and impersonates them to make people laugh."
-senior, Jimmy Cate

"He can get a little crazy sometimes like he did at the Nelly concert. He ended up losing his voice screaming a song like a psycho."
-senior, Chris Meade



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Brittany Parker

photo by Matthew Putney **AKA: Parker**

Profile of the better-half

spread by Jennifer Herrmann

★ Strengths ★

According to Brittany, her strengths are in academics and soccer. She also feels she is easygoing and tells it like it is. "If someone asks me a question, I'm not gonna lie or be mean, but I'm gonna tell them the truth," she says.

★ Weaknesses ★

Brittany must be driven in order to work. It takes an important assignment for her to do work. She says, "I have no motivation to do anything. I always try to make Ashley (Parker) do everything, 'cause I know she will."

★ Goals ★

Brittany is going to attend the University of Missouri-Rolla, where she will play soccer on a scholarship. She would like to major in a science-related field and continue her soccer career after graduating from college.



After school, Parker goes shopping at Goodwill®. She usually went to Goodwill® once every couple weeks and spent an average of \$3. Despite a determined Parker, the shopping trip was unsuccessful. Parker was left empty-handed. photo by Jennifer Herrmann



Picking up toilet paper out of a bucket, Parker volunteers at the Purple Party. She worked at the toilet-toss station with fellow volunteer, senior Kayla Casey. She got involved, because "everybody loves the Purple Party," she said. photo by Jennifer Herrmann

Her Allies



"We've played soccer and we've been best friends since we were little, 'cause we were neighbors. We used to ride our bikes to Van Dee's in the summer or to the park."
- senior, Megan Schonhorst

"When we were little we used to fight all the time, and now we do everything together. We play soccer, go shopping and we hang out with the same people."
- twin, Ashley Parker





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People



Laura Sullivan

photo provided by L. Sullivan **AKA: Tall Girl**

Profile of a sandbox kid

spread by Elizabeth Janes

★ Strengths ★

Retaining creativity and friendships are things Laura says she possesses. "I usually can think up fun things to do when my friends and I are bored over the weekends," says Laura.

★ Weaknesses ★

A big difficulty for Laura is her trouble with technology. "I can't ever figure out DVDs and other things. I usually break them," she says. She also has a hard time turning down people who ask her for favors.

★ Goals ★

Laura plans to go to the University of Iowa and become a pediatric nurse. After her education, she wants to have kids and settle down in Iowa. "I liked growing up in the mid-west, so I want my kids to also," says Laura.



Slowly adding in more vegetable oil Sullivan attempts to make the batter the right consistency, while senior Erika Stennes mixes it all together. The brownies didn't turn out in the end, because they didn't measure the water and oil before putting it in. *photo by Elizabeth Janes*



Answering the phone, Sullivan takes reservations at her workplace. Sullivan worked as a hostess at Biaggi's in Clive. "I really like working there, because it is easy and the people I work with are really cool," said Sullivan. *photo by Elizabeth Janes*

Her Allies



"Laura is always there to talk to. She is just so darn fun to be around. The only thing that bugs me about her is that she puts green ketchup on everything, gross!"

-senior, Jessie Hall

"Laura is not only the tallest girl in the world, she is also one of the most funny people I know. Laura has the special way of being really tall and really funny."

-senior, Mason Viera





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Jason Ward

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AKA: Allah

Profile of a b-ball player

spread by Stacy Olsasky

★ Strengths ★

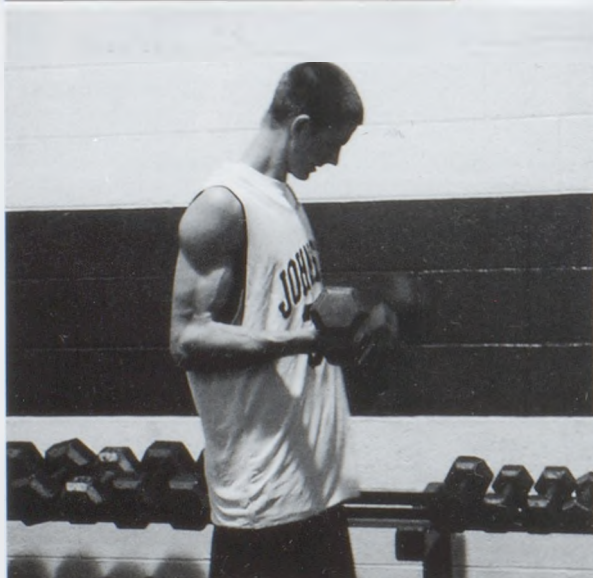
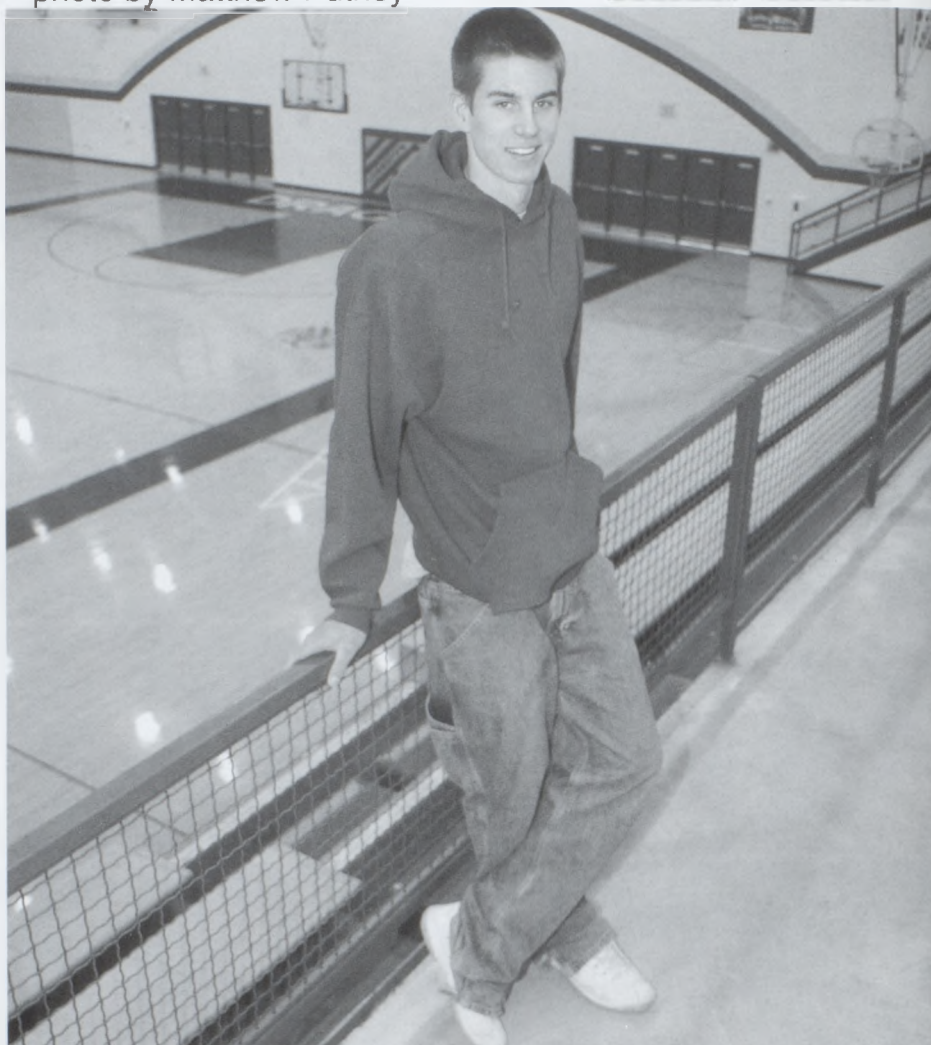
Not only can Jason keep people in a good mood, but he can also get them smiling and laughing whenever he is around. Watch out though, because he's not afraid to tell you what's on his mind. With these attributes Jason sees himself as an amazing human specimen.

★ Weaknesses ★

Jason lets the little things bother him. For example, people who act immature and people who drive poorly tick him off. He also doesn't like to listen to people who don't use common sense, because they just embarrass themselves.

★ Goals ★

In the next few years Jason plans to graduate from college, have a successful occupation and have a family. As for now, Jason is still debating the question; which came first, the chicken or the egg? He is also devising a plan to save the universe from destruction.



While concentrating on his movements, Ward does arm curls. Ward wanted to attend the U of I to excel in athletic training. "I want to do this, because I've been around sports my whole life," commented Ward. *photo provided by Jason Ward*

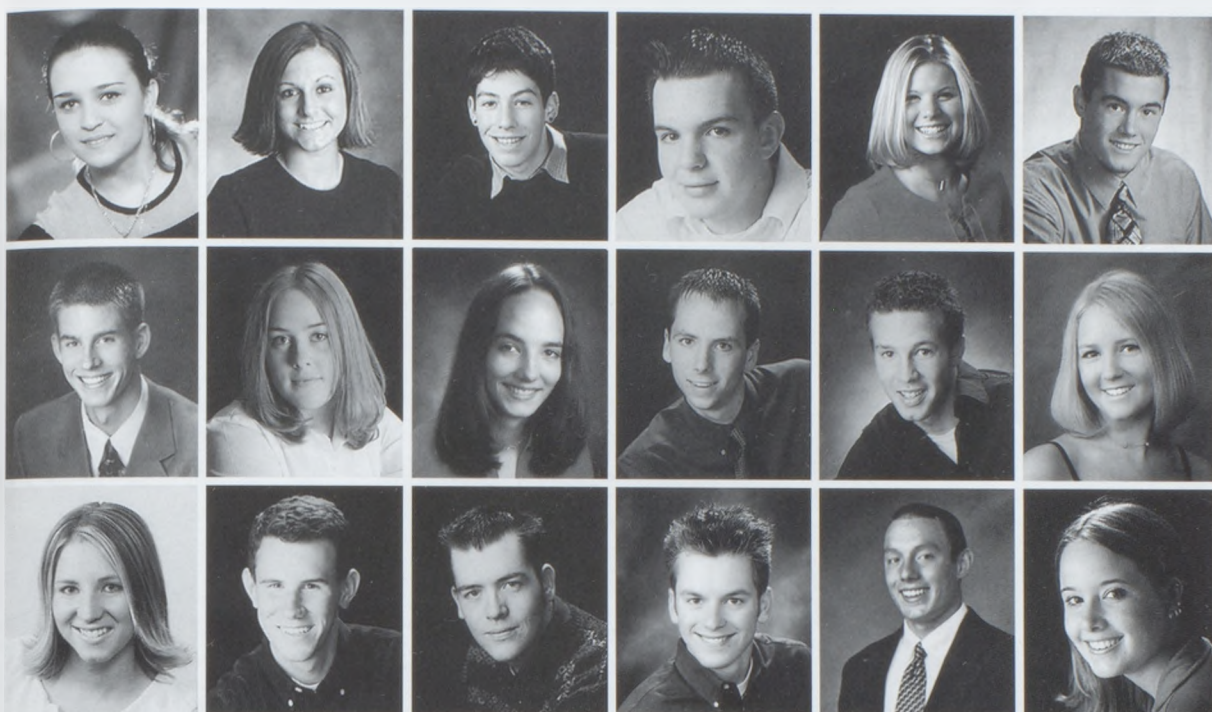


Ward sits discussing his day with his dad Charles Ward. "It seems like I don't get to see them, (my parents) very often because I'm never home," said Ward, "but I do enjoy it when we eat dinner together." *photo provided by Jason Ward*

His Allies

"When Jason was little, he would always dress up in a Hawkeye football uniform. He'd go outside and pretend he was playing football."
-mom, Sherry Ward

"One night a few of us went cow-tipping. There was a fence to jump over. Two people went to hold it down, but didn't know it was electric. The whole fence lit up."
-senior, Chris Gass

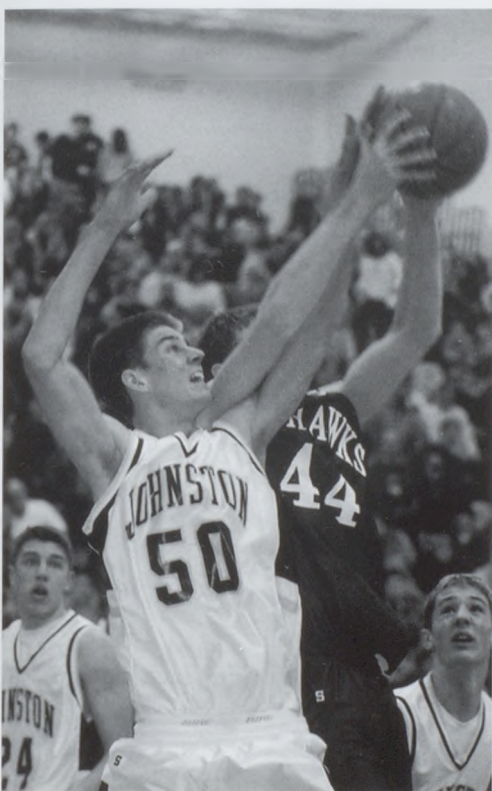


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Lunging for the ball, Ward tries to nab it from the other player. Although he had been playing basketball since the age of four, he had no desire to play after high school. photo provided by Jason Ward



Playing around on the floor, Ward teases his dog Chance. Chance was a golden retriever and had been a member of the Ward family since June of 2002. Ward's favorite activity with his dog was to play fetch. photo provided by Jason Ward



Laughing and having a good time, Ward along with juniors Derek Retherford, Kris Grimes and Nathan Pirie reminisce on past experiences. "My friends and I are boring," said Ward, "the most excitement we have is hanging around watching tv." photo provided by Jason Ward

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People



Sarah Eckhart

photo by Matthew Putney

AKA: The Flutist

Profile of a musician

spread by Woody Brenton

★Strengths★

The flute is Sarah's weapon of choice, and with it she proudly displays her love for music. Eckhart's talent for this instrument gave her second chair position in concert band. "My biggest strength is in academics," says Sarah.

★Weaknesses★

Sarah has trouble getting up and talking to a large group of people. "I still got a good grade in speech, but it was hard to talk," says Sarah. She also cannot manage to keep her room clean. "It's not like it cleans itself," says Sarah.

★Goals★

When Sarah plans her future, she thinks about her role model, her mother. "I have a lot of respect for my mom. She holds a job, plays mom and does a great job at both," says Sarah. Sarah hopes to some day have a family and a good job.



"Just another day on the job," says Eckhart, as she reaches into her locker. She holds a job at Walgreens, where she runs a register. "I usually work on the weekends," said Eckhart. Eckhart also picked up her paycheck the same day for an undisclosed amount. photo by W. Brenton



With a patient stare on the measuring cup, Eckhart decides if the meniscus is correct. The water, part of the recipe, was poured into a brownie mix created by Eckhart. In her free time, Eckhart enjoyed the world of cooking. photo by W. Brenton

Her Allies



"I am both proud and happy with the way Sarah is growing up. I look up to Sarah just as much as Sarah looks up to me."
-mother, Carri Eckhart

"Well, I remember this one time Sarah and I were gonna go to the Mall of America for Sarah's birthday, but then we didn't go."
-junior, Lindsey Keast





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People

Adam Hsu

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AKA: The Philosopher

Profile of a scholar

spread by Jenna Stone

★Strengths★

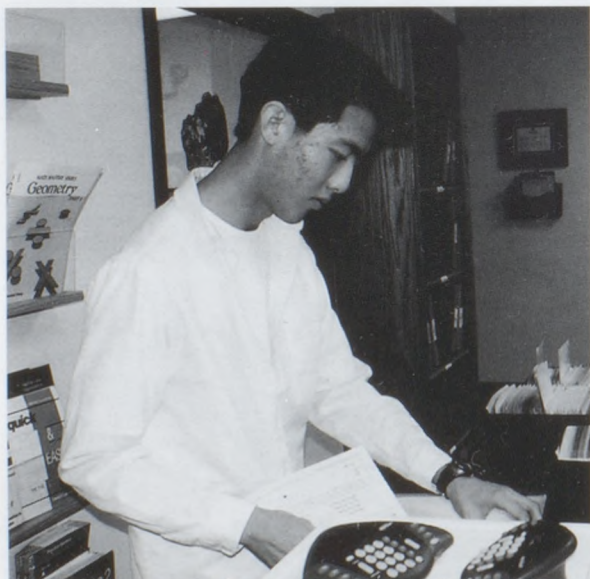
Adam's greatest strength lies in his mind. He takes two AP classes at the high school and four other AP classes at Central Academy, downtown. Aside from his academic schedule, Adam is in his eleventh year of piano playing.

★Weaknesses★

While Adam felt he always managed to complete his school projects on time, he does tend to put them off until close to the due date. Essays are another thing Adam doesn't thoroughly enjoy, but he always "gets through them."

★Goals★

Adam has no definite goal at this time. However, his main task at hand is trying to be one of the very few Iowan males to become a National AP Scholar. To achieve this, he must score a four or above on eight AP exams, before his senior year.



In preparation for tutoring sessions, Hsu, separates books into individual folders used by the teachers. Following in his brother's footsteps, Hsu started his job at the Sylvan Learning Center the summer before his junior year. photo by Jenna Stone



Pushing himself to get ahead, Hsu races to the finish line. Hsu participated in cross country for three years. He was on the JV team. "I'm not very good, but I keep going out each year," said Hsu. photo by Afton Simpson

His Allies



"He is by far the funniest person I've ever met. I met him for the first time in fifth grade. I know him better now, and think he's still the funniest."
- junior, Nina Lu

"He's easy to get along with, I've known him for four or five years. We like to hang out and watch funny shows, like *Saturday Night Live*."

- junior, Tyler Biggs





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People



Kurt Larson

photo by Matthew Putney

AKA: The Gamer

Profile of a picky eater

spread by Jennifer Herrmann

★ Strengths ★

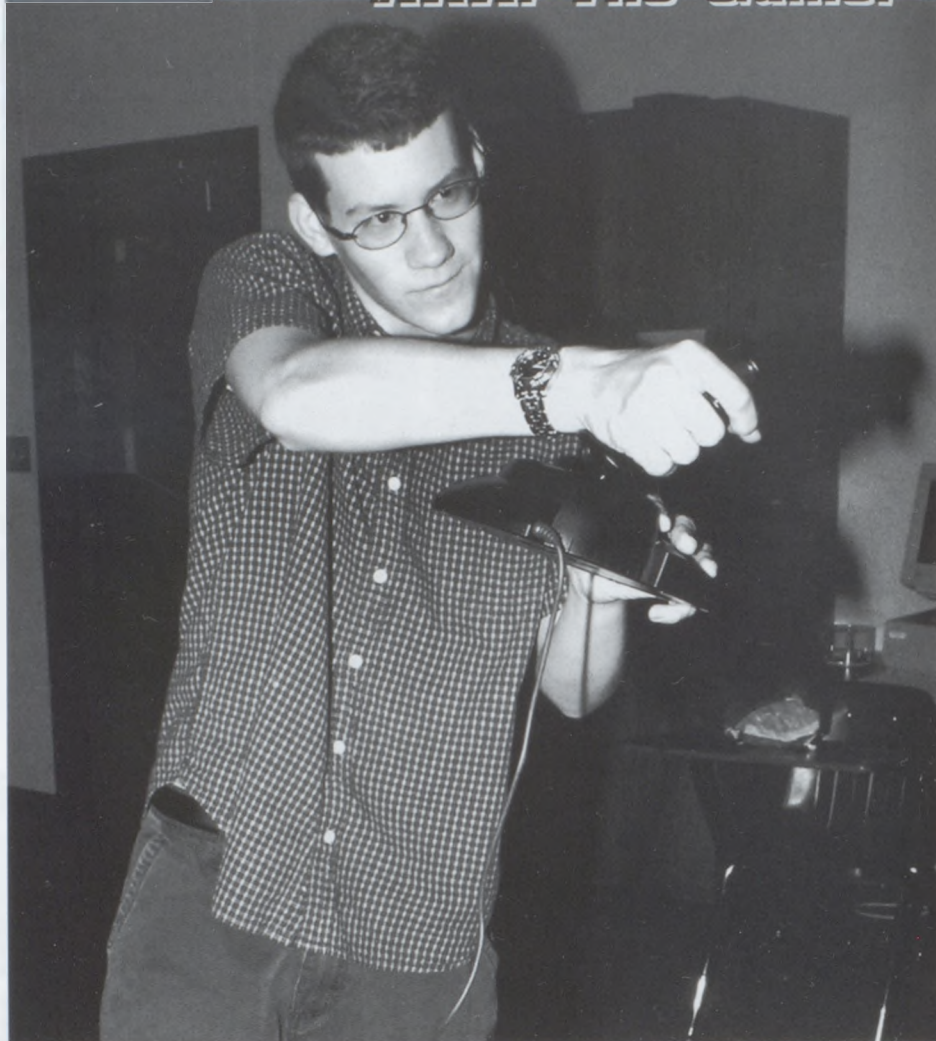
Some of Kurt's skills include math, science and technology. Thus far, Kurt has taken classes in these specialty areas. He has taken four math classes, three science classes, networking and two computer science classes.

★ Weaknesses ★

According to Kurt, one of his weaknesses is a lack of athletic ability. He also says he is a picky eater. His dislikes include vegetables and "anything that looks gross and smells gross." However, he does like Italian foods.

★ Goals ★

Looking forward to the future, Kurt's goals consist of making money and being successful. He also plans to go to college. Kurt considers success being able to do well, while improving at the same time in any task he is doing.



Playing after school with his friends, Larson catches a frisbee in early December. Larson and his peers started the group which had a regular attendance of about 10 players. Larson liked it because it was fun playing with friends, and everyone was involved. photo by Jennifer Herrmann



Tooting on his trumpet, Larson practices for band on the weekend. Larson was also involved in the wind symphony, jazz ensemble and marching band. Larson had played the trumpet in band since he was in the fifth grade. photo by Jennifer Herrmann

His Allies



"We (Larson, David Luepkee and I) were walking in the (Merle Hay Mall) parking garage and the security guard came up to us and told us to leave the mall and to quit our Mickey Mousing® around."
- junior, Bryce Augustine

"Matt (Johnson) was actually hanging on his (Kurt's) bumper and Kurt was going to give me a ride home. Kurt almost backed over Matt and knocked him over, he almost crushed him."
- junior, David Luebkee





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People



Tiffany Rhames

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AKA: Tifferz

Profile of a ram

spread by Stacy Olsasky

★ Strengths ★

Tiffany feels her greatest asset is her ability to analyze people. She also thinks that she is a good friend, because she can make her friends feel better. Whenever they need an ear to chat on, she is there to listen, with her optimistic attitude.

★ Weaknesses ★

According to Tiffany, her major weakness is that she is a bit of a perfectionist. She views this as a weakness, because she can never get anything done. If she can't get something done perfectly, then she just won't finish it at all.

★ Goals ★

In years to come, Tiffany plans to go to college to study psychology and one day also become a psychiatrist. When she is steady with her career and feels that she is a successful adult, she wants to start a family and be happy.



Strolling down the road, Rhames walks her dog Max. Rhames received Max for her 14th birthday. "I developed a strong bond with my dog when I moved to Johnston, because I didn't know anybody, and he was all I had," said Rhames. photo by Stacy Olsasky



Ring up a purchase, Rhames checks out her customers' goods. "The best part of my job is making people smile when they have had a bad day," commented Rhames, who worked as a cashier at Hobby Lobby, a craft store. photo by Stacy Olsasky

Her Allies



"I have been good friends with Tiffany since her freshman year. I like her because I can talk to her about anything."
-senior, Tara Johanik

"Our funniest memory is when we were on vacation in S. Carolina. We tried sneaking out of the room by using a butter-knife on the windows."
-senior, Jean Clipperton





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People



Stephanie Bittner

photo by Matthew Putney

AKA: The Bookworm

Profile of an intellectual

spread by Julie Crow

★ Strengths ★

Stephanie excels in academics, especially math and science. The concepts in these subjects are easy, as well as interesting for her. In addition, Stephanie is artistically talented and enjoys creating sculptures and ceramics.

★ Weaknesses ★

Physical activities are difficult for Stephanie. She doesn't exercise on a regular basis, and she believes she has poor coordination. According to Stephanie, these weaknesses are due to the fact that her parents never emphasized athletics.

★ Goals ★

In the future, Stephanie plans on attending college somewhere in Iowa and majoring in either biology or chemistry. After college she would like to obtain a well-paying science related job, that enables her to write fantasy novels in her spare time.



Hitting the high note, Bittner blends her voice with the other members of mixed chorus, including sophomore, Alyssa Mueller. Bittner sang soprano, but was also able to sing alto. "I could sing just about any part," said Bittner. photo by Julie Crow



Spinning clay on a pottery wheel, Bittner carefully molds a bowl into her desired form. Bittner took sculpting and ceramics classes at the Des Moines Art Center. She also worked as a teacher's assistant in an art class, on the weekends. photo by Julie Crow

Her Allies



"She can figure out just about anything. She helped me out a lot in math class, because I'm hopeless when it comes to math."
-junior, Jennifer Bemisdarfer

"Stephanie is a bookworm, and she is a very original and creative person, with a really good imagination and a talent for writing."
-sophomore, Jennifer Rockwell





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Josh Geneser

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AKA: Atticus

Profile of a motivator

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★Strengths★

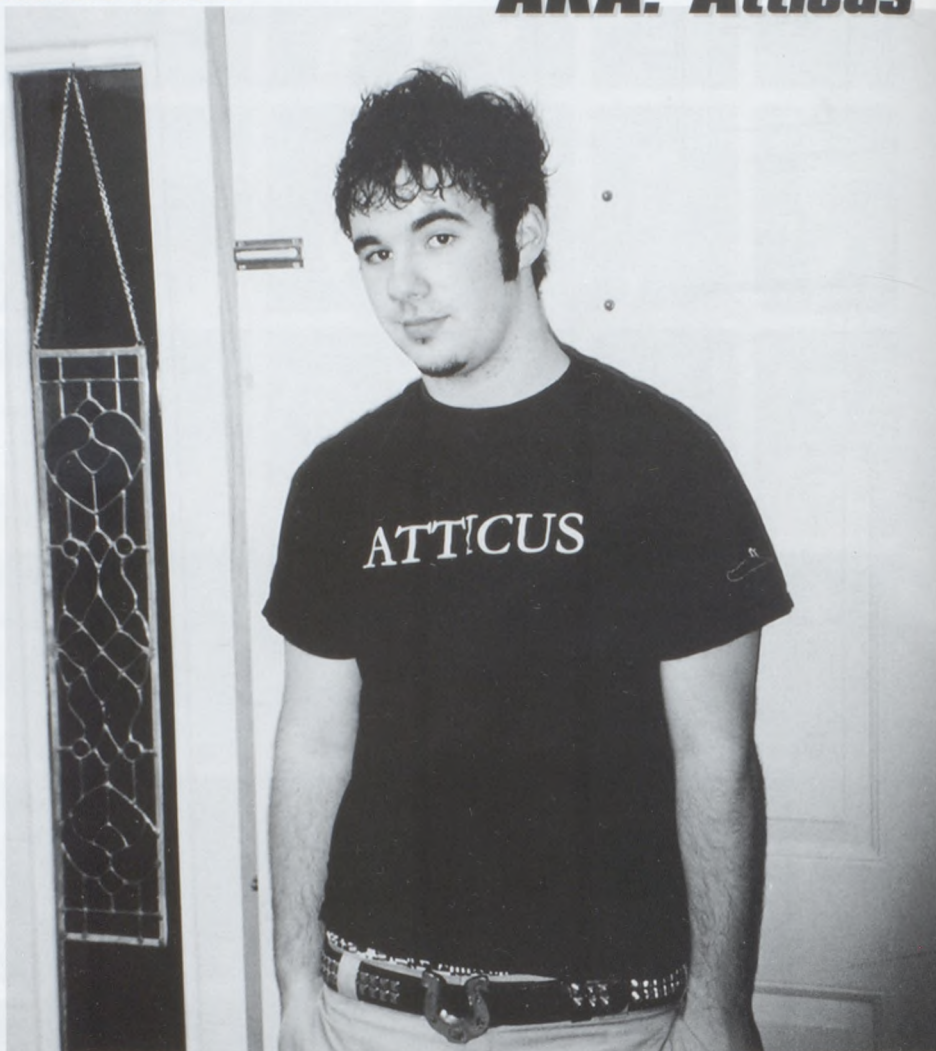
Always facing his matches with a positive attitude, Josh says, "Wrestling is a mental sport. You must be strong to do it. I visualize myself taking shots and winning and I'm usually happy with the way that I finish."

★Weaknesses★

Josh doesn't hesitate to say he gives in easily when manipulated. According to Josh, many of his friends track him down when they need money. Josh doesn't want to loan it to them, but when they insist, the money's in their hands.

★Goals★

Gradually, Josh has managed to disappear off of the work schedule at Culvers® and focus more of his attention on starting his band called "Thurston's Mistake." Josh plays the guitar and practices once a week to get it started.



Determined to get better at his solos, Geneser practices his guitar. Geneser received his Fender Stratocaster electric guitar for his birthday in 2001. He planned on continuing to play throughout his life and felt he needed to work on bar codes to excel in his talent.
photo by Michelle Mefferd



When he's not wrestling at school or practicing with his friends for his band, Geneser spends his time watching the big screen television with his small dog, Chelsea. Geneser's family has had their Scheltie for ten years. photo by Michelle Mefferd

His Allies



"I like the way Josh deals with bad situations. He might dwell on it for a few hours, but will then get over it and forget about it."
-freshman, Melanie Anderson

"I met Josh in seventh grade and he's always been a good person to talk to, because of the way he listens, asks questions and gives input."
-freshman, Tim Gannon





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Jill Haney

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AKA: Silly Billy

Profile of an oddball

spread by Marin Viera

★ Strengths ★

According to Jill, her uniqueness comes from her independence. "I don't care what other people think about me, and I speak my mind no matter what. You should always be your own person, and never let anyone change you," says Jill.

★ Weaknesses ★

Battling with lactose intolerance, Jill's kryptonite is milk, and other assorted dairy products. She also has difficulty paying attention and listening. According to Jill problems with focusing in class and being productive tend to drag her down in academics.

★ Goals ★

"I want to be rich, with a big pretty house when I grow up," said Jill. She plans to achieve her goal by going to college and getting a good education. "I want to do something fun that I will stay with for a long time, but I haven't figured out what yet," says Jill.



Accompanied by her younger brother Kyle, Haney plays in the snow in her front yard. "I like playing with Kyle, because he is a big goof and he makes me laugh," said Haney. Her family adopted Kyle two years ago when he was three years old. photo by Marin Viera



Taking a breather from her endless homework, Haney skateboards down the street. Haney started skateboarding over a year ago, and she practiced with her friends whenever she wasn't busy. "Skating is cool, because it helps me relax," said Haney. photo by Marin Viera

Her Allies



"Haney is one of the funniest, most outgoing friends I've ever had. She's always making a fool of herself, especially in public." - sophomore, Jessica Wheeler

"We're sandbox buddies, and ever since daycare she's been the same loudmouth, bothersome hilarious kid. She'll be that way forever." - sophomore, Amanda Rhoads





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Kyle Mentzer

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★Strengths★

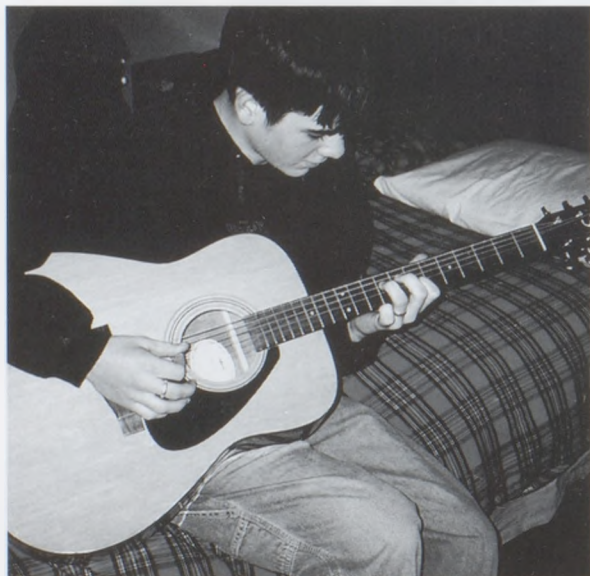
Kyle believes that he has very few strengths. "Nothing really stands out in me, I just kind of hangout. I guess I am nice," says Kyle. Outside of school Kyle enjoys playing hockey and golf.

★Weaknesses★

One of the weaknesses that Kyle has is that he is not very confident with himself. He also has problems in math class, which he hopes to improve on. Kyle says he has a hard time getting friends and is frequently lonely.

★Goals★

Kyle's goals for the rest of his life are to go to college at the University of Iowa and eventually move to Chicago. "I like how there is always something to do there. I also like the business of the city," says Kyle.



Busting out some tunes on his acoustic guitar, Mentzer strums away. Mentzer's favorite musician was guitarist John Mayer. Mentzer traveled across the state to see him perform and received an autographed photograph. photo by T. Swett



Teeing off during a game of golf in Hilton Head, North Carolina, Mentzer swings through the shot. "Golf is the best sport. It helps you get away from everything and just relax and just have a good time," said Mentzer. photo by Douglas Mentzer

His Allies



"Kyle is the most unreliable person that I know. Every time I call him he never returns it, and then we never get to do stuff."

-sophomore, Casey Hooper

"I have so many stories about Kyle and me doing dumb stuff. I can't talk about them, because they're so inappropriate."

-sophomore, John Jacobsen





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AKA: Sonja Lasagna

Profile of a early bird

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★ Strengths ★

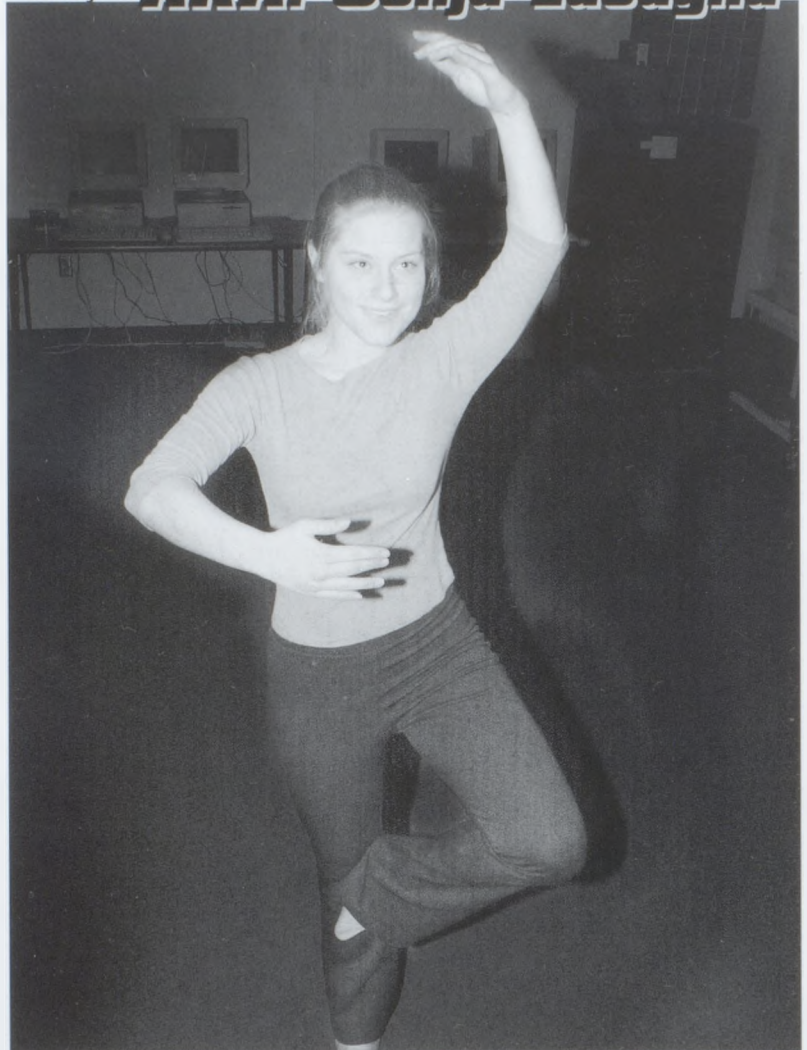
Not everyone is open-minded, but that is an attribute that Sonja believes she has. She says she isn't judgmental and likes to meet new people. Another strength she has is her ability to write, which also happens to be her passion.

★ Weaknesses ★

Sonja's weakness is nothing more than an addiction to chocolate. This love for chocolate ranges from fancy boxes to chocolate covered cherries. "It seems like the box is all gone soon after I start eating them," said Spray.

★ Goals ★

Although there is some controversy over what career she wants to pursue, Sonja has some ideas. She would like to be a biographer, a historical novelist or work for a news company in some way or another.



Using the trombone her grandfather gave her, Spray practices, while her sister's cat, Max, watches on the table behind her. Spray said she wanted to get her instrument refurbished. The store wouldn't, because the trombone was too old. photo by Lindsey Lockner



Playing a game of chess with her mom, Spray attacks the opposing pawn with her rook. According to Spray, she had to consult the book, *Chess for Dummies* as a reference. photo by Lindsey Lockner



"It's hard to believe she hasn't even been here a year. It just seems like I have known her all my life, that's because she is a lot like me." -sophomore, Jenna Lammers

"She was the only one who really cared when I broke my leg last year. She sometimes took me to rehab when I didn't have a ride."

-junior, Matt Johnson





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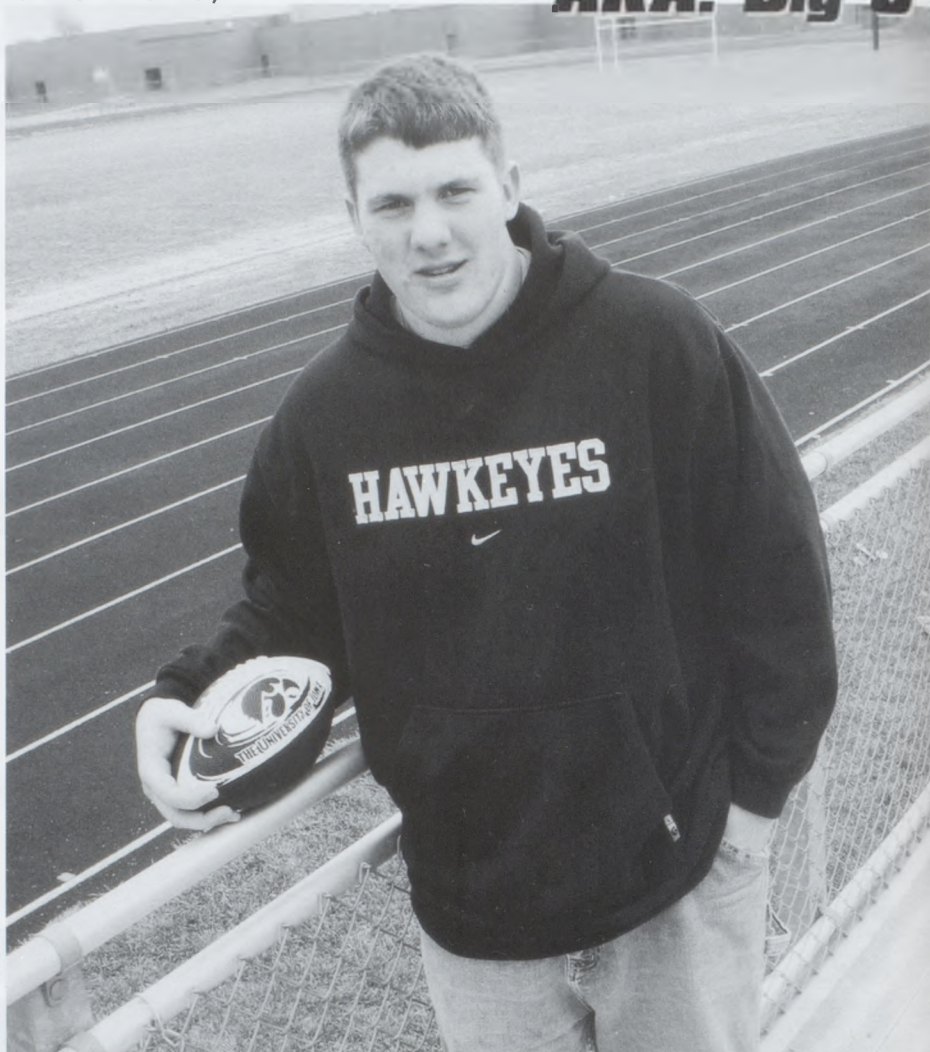
Jay feels that his people skills are something to brag about. "I get along with a lot of different people really well," says Jay. He feels that this is because he is so accepting of everyone.

★ Weaknesses ★

While the ability to understand his peers comes easily to Jay, he doesn't always catch on to what he is supposed to study. He says, "I can never study for tests. I always seem to study the wrong things."

★ Goals ★

Jay was raised to be a huge Hawkeyes fan by his parents, Jana and William Warren. Jay says, "I would either want to be a starter for the Hawkeyes or be on the coaching staff of a major NCAA college football team."



Fighting off a pin, Warren practices wrestling with junior Tyler Gustafson. "This was my first year and I wasn't that skilled," said Warren. He felt he wasn't very good at the sport, but he kept at it, because it helped him to condition for football. photo by Justine Blanchard



Bulking up on the vertical press, Warren lifts 135 pounds of raw iron. Warren exercised often with his friend, sophomore Alex Nelson, before going to wrestling practice. photo by Justine Blanchard

His Allies



"Jay's a nice guy. At wrestling meets he's always cheering his hardest even if he doesn't know the guy. If they're from Johnston he just cheers."
- sophomore, Jake Goedken

"Jay's really considerate of others, he laughs at everyone's jokes. You'd be surprised that someone as big as him is as harmless as a fly."

- sophomore, Alex Nelson





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Jessica Fondell

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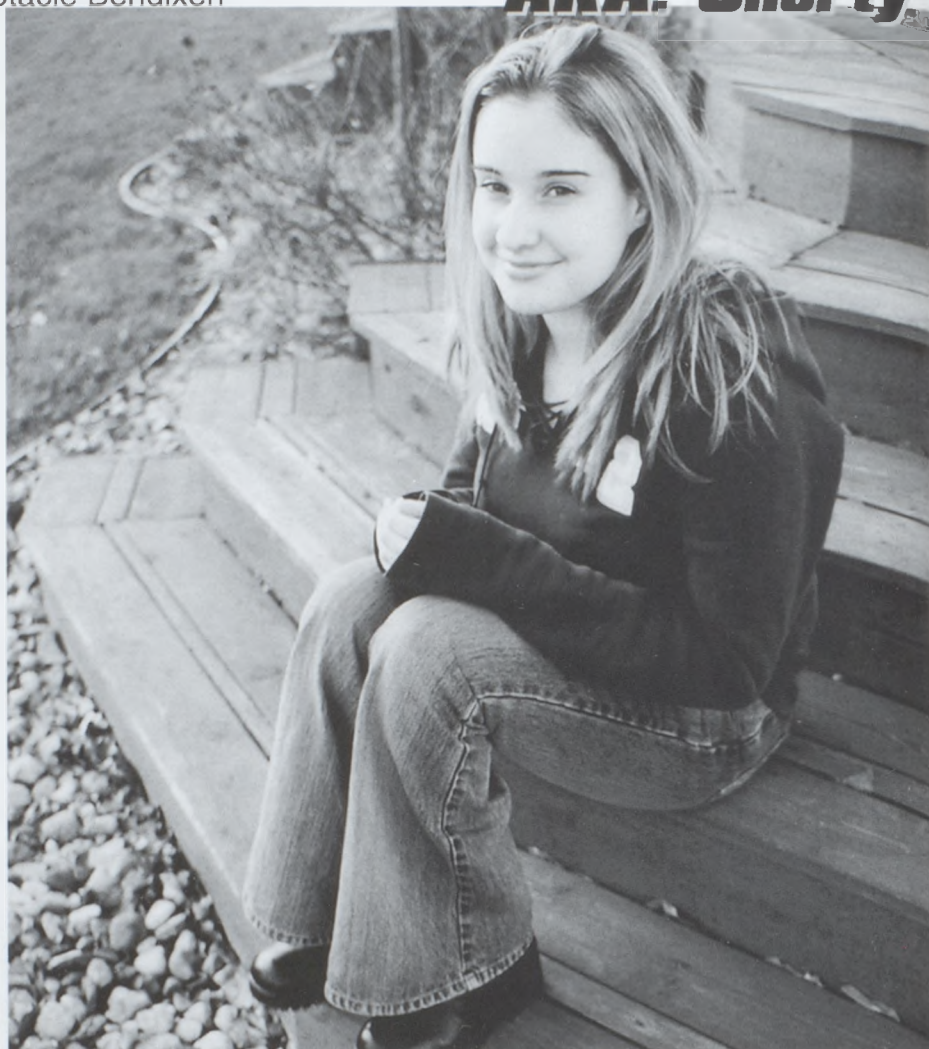
Jessica feels that she has strong public speaking skills, a strength she believes will be useful in speech class. "I'm good with crowds. I think I'm good at communicating my feelings and saying my opinions," says Jessica.

★ Weaknesses ★

Jessica has no hesitations about her biggest weakness, procrastinating. She once put off a 120-point English project until the weekend before it was due. "I shouldn't have done that. It was a stressful weekend," says Jessica.

★ Goals ★

Jessica has aspirations of becoming a nurse or a psychiatrist. She believes she would succeed in the field of medicine, because she is good with all kinds of people. "I'm kind of a people person. I enjoy helping people," says Jessica.



Making her move, Fondell spends some rare quality time playing checkers with her brother Mitch, a fifth-grader. Fondell said she and Mitch used to play board games a lot, but that lately they don't have very much spare time to spend together due to homework and activities. *photo by S.B.*



Executing a kick, Fondell warms up for Tae-kwon-do practice with her friend Kendra Peterson, a sophomore from Urbandale. Fondell has spinabifida, and she started doing Tae-kwon-do as physical therapy. She said it was hard, but she stuck with it because she enjoyed it. *photo by S.B.*

Her Allies



"She always has something positive to say. She makes you want to try harder and do better, and she is always there for you."
- freshman, Stacie Schafer

"Jessica has a physical challenge, having spinabifida. She's kept a good positive attitude, and she sees how fortunate she is."

- father, Rick Fondell





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Lauren Harvey

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Profile of a cheerleader

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★Strengths★

Lauren enjoys meeting new people, because she has an easy time getting along with them. Something else that Lauren enjoys to do is read. Currently Lauren is reading the *Lord of the Rings* series by J.R.R. Tolkien.

★Weaknesses★

One of the hardest things for Lauren to do is to stay organized. "I have a hard time keeping things clean, like my room and my locker. So it is very easy for me to get unorganized and to keep my schedule right," says Lauren.

★Goals★

A passion of Lauren's is cheerleading. Currently she is in All-Stars (a competitive cheering club), to enhance her skills. In the future she wants to attend the University of Iowa to cheerlead. After that she plans to go on to medical school to become a pediatrician.



Harvey and senior Sandra Sonnenkalb have a snow ball fight in the winter breeze. Sonnenkalb, an exchange student from Germany was staying with sophomore Allison Rutherford a friend of Harvey's. photo by Elizabeth Janes



A fountain firework makes Harvey back away from the sparks after lighting it. Harvey said she got the firework in Wisconsin while visiting her sister. photo by Lindsey Lockner

Her Allies



"Lauren and I had a lot of fun at cheerleading camp with the other girls. We also do All-Stars together and we have gotten really close. She is a sweetie."
- freshman, Dani Martinson

"I have known Lauren since she moved here when I was in eighth grade. She is a really cool girl. Lauren is very crazy and wild and is very fun to hang out with."
- sophomore, Allison Rutherford





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Profile of an intimidator

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★ Strengths ★

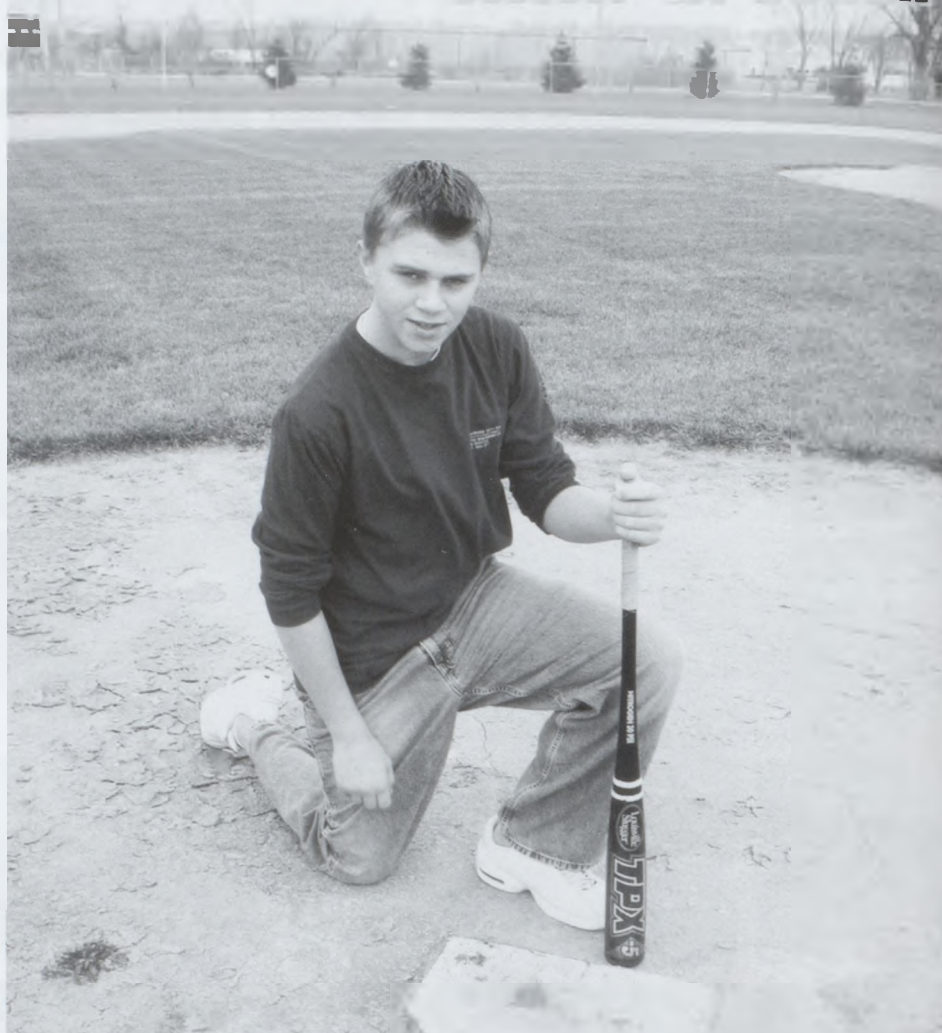
Kyle feels his strongest quality is his hard work ethic. When he first began his work at his father's business, Snap-On Tools, he struggled with first job jitters. However, with his perseverance, he learned the tricks of the trade.

★ Weaknesses ★

Something difficult for Kyle is grasping information thrown at him. When he was learning how to throw a curve ball, it took Kyle a long time to perfect it according to him. Once he starts to work, he is motivated to finish the job efficiently.

★ Goals ★

One of Kyle's aspirations is to get into a Division I college. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina, because of the reputation of its' baseball team. He also wants to become an orthopedic doctor to study the spine.



Preparing for his next piano lesson, McCracken rehearses his piece, "Sicilienne." He had been playing since third grade. McCracken's mother, Dee, had been playing in church for eight years and looked forward to the day when her son would do the same. photo by Alicia Corron



McCracken puts the screw driver back where it belongs in his father's Snap-On Tools mobile while at work. He began working for his father for a year while his father has owned it for six years. photo by Alicia Corron

His Allies



"Kyle and I always have fun together even though he is not the neatest eater and spills a lot (on himself), we always have a good time."

-sophomore, Brittany Westercamp

"Kyle and I go to each other's house and sometimes after school we just pick up a basketball for practice (for the team)."

-freshman, Kyle Sell





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Aly Welch

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★ Strengths ★

One of Aly's strengths is her knack for "tearing-up" the soil while riding on her dirtbike. She also loves to write poetry and sing. Aly said she would like singing during chorus, if she approved of the songs that the teachers chose.

★ Weaknesses ★

Aly admits her major weakness is listening. In addition, Aly sometimes procrastinates, especially when it comes to homework and chores. Being accident prone is another weakness that Aly has, according to her mother, Marleena.

★ Goals ★

Aly longs to competitively race dirtbikes. However, her only experience is in the backwoods by her house, not on tracks. Along with racing, Aly would also like to be able to perfect more difficult dirtbiking stunts.



Trying to execute a smooth turn on the snowy terrain, Welch holds her ground, unlike the first time she set out on the new snow. This winter was the first time she had ridden on snow. She wanted to be cautious due to inexperience.
photo by Megen O'Toole



Surrounded by a wintery mess, Welch plays basketball. Although Welch wasn't interested in playing for the school, she liked playing at home, especially in the summer.
photo by Megen O'Toole

Her Allies



"We used to hate and make fun of each other, but we had mutual friends, and I found out that Aly is caring and fun to be around."
-freshman, Chelsea Wenndt

"She is energetic, and very outgoing, spontaneous and full of life. Aly knows her own mind, although she is accident prone."
-mother, Marleena Welch





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Martin Flaherty

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Profile of a renaissance man

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★ Strengths ★

Martin's main strengths are his sense of determination and his enormous amount of humor. He can make almost anyone laugh, according to fellow teachers. He also has great problem solving skills and a solid understanding of others.

★ Weaknesses ★

"My greatest weakness would have to be the fact that I am a perfectionist. Along with being a big procrastinator," says Martin. With these, his biggest fear is not having the Chicago Cubs win the World Series before he dies.

★ Goals ★

Martin's main goal at this time is to continue his education. He is now attending graduate school at Viterbo University and Iowa State University. "My goal is hopefully one day to become an education administrator," says Martin.



Spending quality father-daughter time with his first child, Flaherty lifts daughter Isabel up into the air. They were playing a game of peek-a-boo. She was born Nov. 11, 2001. photo provided by Martin Flaherty.



Explaining to his students how much sugar is in a 20 oz. bottle of Mountain Dew, Flaherty waves the beverage in the air. He was pointing out the information on the label to explain his point in his basic science class. photo by Matthew Putney

His Allies



"Whenever we get together, whether it was years ago painting his house, or now, seeing him with his daughter, we always have a good time."
-teacher, Tim Brickley

"Martin Flaherty has a marvelous attitude, and really enjoys what he's doing, and is very involved with all of his students."

-teacher associate, Paul Miller





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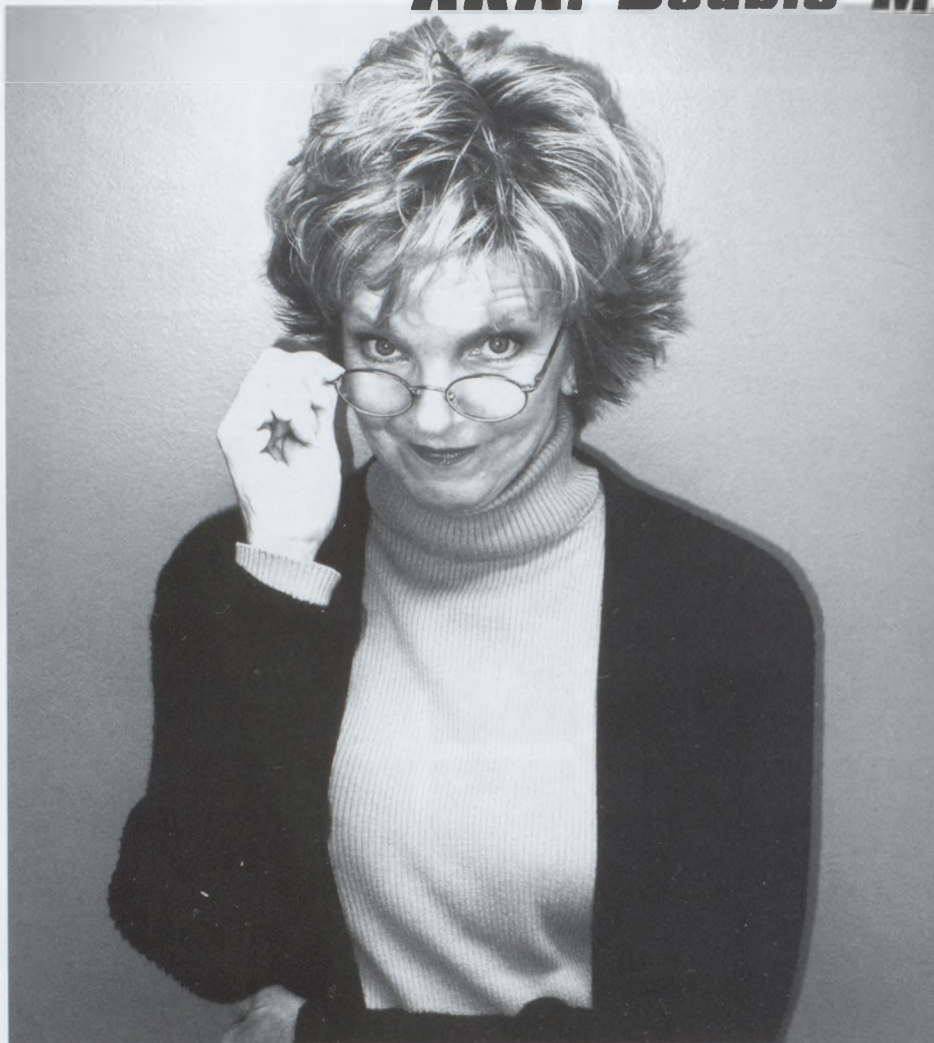
Marilyn isn't afraid to let her sense of humor show, and has no aversion to laughing. Despite a sometimes flippant facade, she's a stickler for rules, with high standards for her students' behavior and class performance.

★ Weaknesses ★

Not one to reveal her flaws to just anyone, Marilyn does give us one slight hint as to her weakness. Over time, she says she has grown more impatient with students' excuse stories, and as the saying goes, "patience is a virtue."

★ Goals ★

In her spare time, Marilyn writes short books or stories, but she isn't a big fan of writing poetry. She hopes to have one of her literary works published. Marilyn also plans on completing her master's degree in education.



Middleton listens attentively in her developing character in the classroom class, one of the many she is taking from Viterbo University to receive her master's in education. "I'm excited about using my brain in a different way," she said.

photo by Rachel Mullen



Reacting to the class's comments given after one of her students' speeches, Middleton waits for the class to calm down. Middleton has taught speech classes at the school for the last 21 years.

photo by Aaron Holmgren

Her Allies



"My mom has been my backbone for twenty years. She has taught me everything I needed to know to start my life."
- daughter, Maggie Tews

"The staff here is kind of like my family, except some of them happen to be my real family. It's really great to have her around."

-nephew, Jeff Hawkins





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Sporting a black eye, Middleton smiles for her fifth grade school photo. She and her brother were chasing each other around the house, and Middleton ran into a table, inflicting a contusion upon her face. "My mom thinks that it's my best class photo ever," said Middleton. photo provided by Marilyn Middleton



Acting out a role she coveted "desperately", Middleton stars as Dorothy in her high school play, *The Wizard of Oz*. The role required her to sing. "The vocal director was a tyrant," said Middleton, "but it provided us with the opportunity to do a really good musical." photo provided by Nevada High School

Perched atop the knees of her peers, Middleton sits at the head of her cheerleading line-up. Middleton's best friend, Diane Ferguson, sat second from the back. "We had the same interests," said Middleton, "and she had cute brothers." photo provided by Nevada High School



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Johnston, Iowa 50131

The Diner
where you wanna eat

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People



Baseball-Freshman

Record: 22-20

Leading Hitter:

Bobby Hernandez
Beat Ankeny 3 out
of 4 games in one
day in a concrrent
double header

First Row: Brandon Schares, Robby Winterbottom, Jake Pike, Stephen Butler, Tyler Tannatt, Jake Hukee, Jeff Townsend, Kory Ross, Trevor Kruger. **Second Row:** Adam Nixson, Ryan DeHamer, Jeff Courtright, Jake Haden, Peter Langston, Brian McCrea, Colin Sedgley, Russ Wiskirchen, Mike Mertz, Bobby Hernandez. **Third Row:** coach Keith Lippincott, Martin Findley, Brady Hoy, Evan Schultz, John Jacobson, Chase Moffitt, Steven King, Ryan Bass, Steven Walter, Bryan Messmaker, coach Josh Allison.

GUEST
RAGONS



First Row: Alex Miller, Tommy Avaux, Bryan Junge, Derek Deer, Cody Phelps, Kris Grimes, Chris Sigmund. **Second Row:** Martin Findley, Cory Goerd, Curtis Froehlich, Jim Heldt, Nate Maple, Scott Neal, Stephen Cate.

Baseball-JV

Record: 10-4

Leading hitter:
Neal Parenza
Leading pitcher:
Clint Saf-Robbins

Baseball-Varsity

Record: 18-18

Conference: 4th
Beat
Dowling and
Marshalltown

First Row: David Chamberlin, Neal Parenza, Kris Walters, Ryan Davis, Eric Butterwick, Pat Ryerson. **Second Row:** Zach Moses, Adam Gray, Cody Lewton, John Doudna, Tyler Adams, Robbie Robison, Derek Haden, Dan Rude. **Third Row:** coach Blake Cruikshank, Chris Gass, Justin Smith, James Burnley, Clint Saf-Robbins, Adam Meyer, AJ Morris, coach Randy Wee.



First Row: Ryan Seivers, Drew Imhoff, Joel Quick, Andrew Doudna, Matt Ness, Cory Chansler, Brandon Will. **Second Row:** Nathan Perterson, Kyle Sell, Jordan Wangert, Brad Nurse, Rob Lang, Chris Heffling, Spencer Reed, Brad Buster. **Third Row:** Zach Cooper, Jared White, Kyle McCracken, Daniel Rottenberg, Justin Braclin, Nick Batterson, Nick Gardner. **Fourth Row:** coach Brad Johnson, Calvin Verron, Alex Kron, Peter Holmgren, Jeff Coutright, John Stocky, Ben Breen, Josh Baird, coach Dan Petrak.

Basketball-Freshman Boys'

Record: 13-8

Beat Valley 73-71 in
overtime

Basketball-Sophomore Boys'

Record: 11-10

Started season 5-0
Beat rival
Urbandale at home

First Row: Jake Haden, Ryan DeHamer, Adam Thilges, Mike Eittrreim, Brian McCrea. **Second Row:** Thomas Danielson, Mike Mertz, Alex Grasso, Bryan Messmaker, Ryan Phillips, Tyler Tannatt. **Third Row:** coach Williams, Matthew Bole, Mitch Cline, Jonathan Plamer, Kory Ross, Carson Hughes, Brenden Furrow, Jake Hukee.





First Row: Ryan Bole, Eric DeSplinter, Justin Fenimore, Jason Ward, Adam Gray, Pat Ryerson. **Second Row:** Cody Phelps, Bryan Junge, Derek Deer, Jason Sparland, Ivron Robertson. **Third Row:** coach Brady Fleming, Jason Rude, Kris Grimes, Luke Bengston, Jimmy Binnie, Derek Retherford, Ben Jenkins, coach Jeff Simpson.

Basketball- Varsity Boys'

Record: 14-9
**First Team
All-State:**
Jimmie Binnie

Basketball- Freshman Girls'

Record:
A team 11-9
B team 4-9

First Row: McKenzee Fisher, Kendra Schroeder, Tayler Vestal, Abby Morris, Kelsey Brown. **Second Row:** Sarah Peppmeier, Liz Sigmund, Libbie Reichling, Tiffany Wendel, Missy Deer. **Third Row:** coach Richard Brooks, Chandra Binnie, Bridget Mahony, Jessica Mitchell, Robyn Norris.



First Row: Hannah Miller, Nicole Gibson, Allison Brown, Emily Green, Abby Green, Megan Samson. **Second Row:** Emily Fey, Haley Parks, Mallory Beck, Alyssa Mueller, Amanda Rhoads, Jessica Hoover, Annie Schunicht, Beth Roese, coach Mike Manser.

Basketball- Sophomore Girls'

Record: 11-9
**Beat Ankney in
over time 49-44**

Basketball- Varsity Girls'

Record: 13-9
Conference:
6-4
**First Team
All-state:**
Lori Bjork

First Row: Kellie Durand, Sandra Sonnenkalb, Chelsea Hudson, Katie Reichling, Megan Schonhorst, Meredith Mertz. **Second Row:** coach Beth Ward, coach Mike Manser, Lori Bjork, Tiffany Barz, Monica Goedken, Stephanie Robison, Stephanie Cameron, Lizz Swason, Abbie Toney, coach Richard Gradoville.



Front Row: Sonja Spray, Zach Hansen, Emily White, Audrey Stone, Lindsey Watkins, Missy King. **Second Row:** Karissa Stouts, Megan McCravey, Meghean Skinner, Whitney Dominguez, Lauren Mackey, Annie Schwartz, Pam Brande. **Third Row:** Jake Tyler, Brigid Townsend, Molly Gehm, Ashely Fuller, Ryan Bole, JoAnn Van Vleet, Michael Carnes, Melissa Hannan, Zach Smith, Andrew Brown, Matthew Stange, Susan McCravey, Gabriel Carnes.

Best Buddies

**Meet Your Buddy
Party:**
Oct. 9

Spring Fling:
Apr. 5



Bowling

Record:
Varsity Girls:
4-6
Varsity Boys:
7-4

First Row: Sarah Johnson, Amanda Shoeman, Brandon Thompson, Glenn Krantz, Greg Olson, Justin Olson. **Second Row:** Jennifer Goellner, Lindsay Keast, Jeremiah Keltner, Erin Turner, Ryan Murphy, Grant Andersen, Clint-Saff Robbins, Travis West, Paul Peppmeier, Casey Slater.



First Row: Brittany Westercamp, Amanda Cook. **Second Row:** Michelle Gunderson. **Thrid Row:** Arash Mirian, Britteny Kronick, Stephanie Williams.

Cheerleading-Sophomore Basketball

Captain:
Brittany
Westercamp

Cheerleading-Varsity Basketball/Wrestling

Captains:
Stephanie Bottoms
Christy Ellis
Emilly Funk

First Row: Emily Funk, Stephanie Bottoms, Christy Ellis. **Second Row:** coach Jennifer Albers, Lauren Harvey, Courtney Seibert, Jonna White, Dannie Martinson, coach Leanna Shattuck. **Third Row:** Michele Gunderson, Lindsey Wieland, Britt Ustrud, Katie Gannon, Stephanie Bunting, Liz Hilby.



First Row: Falyon Tingley. **Second Row:** Jenna Hukee, Emily Chrisman. **Thrid Row:** Sarah Bax, Abby Lewton, Lauren Harvey. **Fourth Row:** Danielle Martinson, Ashley Meade.

Cheerleading-Freshman Football

Captains:
Falyon Tingley
Emily Chrisman

Cheerleading-Sophomore Football

Captain:
Amanda Miller

First Row: Natasha Kim, Kiley Waltz, Ashley Meek, Ashley Johnson. **Second Row:** Kristen Carter, Amanda Miller. **Thrid Row:** Karly Collyer, Alyson Denny.





First Row: Hailey Cahill, Kristen Hanson, Ande Skinner, Leslie Rittierodt, Stephanie Bottoms, Meredith Evans. **Second Row:** Ashley Castellano, Kendra Vestal, Kelsey Van Essen, Andrea Hoelsing. **Thrid Row:** Alicia Metcalf, Veronica Hanson, Mikaela Donaldson, Allie Warner, Matthew Stange (Dragon), Mallory Rives, Brianne Shaw, Lindsay Gilbert, Toni Chrisman.

Cheerleading- Varsity Football

State competition
squad 1st place.

Chamber Choir

First Row: Lauren Butterwick, Jenna Craggs, Jonna White, Caroline Ashby, Steffanie Smith, Sarah Butitta. **Second Row:** Bethany Glendenning, Stephani Lamb, Mike Stange, Gabe Carnes, Nick Beery, Laura VonBon. **Third Row:** Amanda Hyde, Andy Pilkington, Steven Walter, Tyler Biggs, Grant Andersen, Mitch Cline. **Fourth Row:** Meryl Houser, Lizabeth Noteboom, Meredith Cronin, Austin Fiala, Tom Danielson, Erin Danielson.



First Row: Eric Barks, Eric Dreibelbeis, Tyler Buller, Riley Richter, Andy Goers, Ryan Olmy, Dan Engstrom, Ryan Knepper, Erick Turpin, Todd Herink. **Second Row:** Justin Bracelin, Peter Holmgren, Chris Heffling, Jim Hinchiff, Kyle Phillips, Ben Scott, Nathan Petersen, Andy Pullen, Brandon Pruitt, Brandon Thompson, Brian Underwood, Jacob Garland, Alec Beck-Cross. **Third Row:** Zach Cooper, Colby Elmitt, Dinshaw Anklesaria, Peter Ostiguy, Kyle Sell, Kyle McCracken, Andrew Doudna, Rob Lang, Dylan Kimsey, Jeremiah Keltner, Brett Turner, Brandon Betz, Joey Verrant, Daniel Kurnes, Jordan Wengert, Sam Schroeder, Daniel Rottenburg, Gerrit Hansen, Logan Fiala.

Chorus Freshman Boys'

Chorus- Freshman Girls'

First Row: Ashley Smith, Jenna Petersen, Sarah Reese, Krysten Steen, Jenny Wu, Lindsey McCulley, Keri Neal, Katie Cauldwell, Chelsea Wenndt, Taylor Bell, Sherry House, Bethany Aubuchon. **Second Row:** Robyn Norris, Mery McGrath, Carol Albathe, Abby Lewton, Emily Forte, Amanda Jones, Beth Hanigan, Xian Zhang, Jenna Reiter, Emily Vander Ploeg, Kelsey Dicken, Jessica Peiffer. **Third Row:** Sarah Bax, Kristin Fortney, Annie Ekstrom, Mary Tometich, Ashley Zenor, Amanda Thrasher, Megan Danielson, Alyssa Ciarmboli, Claire Lekwa, Jessica DeBruin, Kendra Schroeder, Aly Welch, Danielle VanLangen. **Fourth Row:** Jennifer Adams, Emily DePenning, Emily McPherson, Mackenzie Lang, Lindsay Panney, Lauryn Tosch, Stacy Syroka, Jenna Hukee, Missy Deer, Carly Shingledecker, Jamie Reimann, Carley Paul, Kelly Albrecht.



First Row: Emily DePenning, Kate Mabee, Erin Couture, Emily Vander Ploeg, Chelsie Heetland, Lindsay Nelson, Soheila Yalpani, Jennifer Peterson, Leah Lundstrom-Yurdin, Erin Sams, Fannie Zhou, Elizabeth Pieseth, Erica Gals, Danelle Carimur. **Second Row:** Sarah Eckhart, Kaylee Richter, Erick Turpin, Brandon Betz, Joe Salvini, Josh Bowen, Amy Gals, Nathan Miller, Eric Dreibelbeis, Blane Chesnut, Dane Larsen, Chane Larkin, Jenna Jewell, Joe Thuente, Jordan Seaberg. **Third Row:** Kelli Zimmer, Heather Haskins, Robyn Norris, Tian Sun, Michelle Ackelson, Skyler Walters, Meghan Atkinson, Mallory McCarty, Xian Zhang, Kaitlyn Summit, Brecca Hoffman, Michael Seibert, Sonja Spray, Menna Cammers, Jamie Reimann, Brianna Wight, Bethany Landwehr, Stephanie Craft. **Fourth Row:** Eric Williamson, Robbie Evans, Nathan Peterson, Bryce Augustine, Lazarus French, Kyle Scott, Tim Sanders, Jay Warren, Alex Nelson, Jake Goedken, Gerrit Hanson, Sheena Wendel, Kristen Turnblad. **Fifth Row:** Sean Bruce, Ton Ceolla, Alec Beck-Cross, Megan Kempt, Ryan Sievers, Jeremiah Keltner, Alex Kron, Jay Keimonn, Nick Schumacher, Nick McKinley, Colby Elmitt, Matt Bole, Zack Swoyer, Ryan De Hamer, Jeff Messerly.

Concert Band

1st place at
adventurland/
Drake relays
festival of bands

Concert Choir

First Row: Sarah Fey, Mikaela Donaldson, Holly Ross, Amanda Hyde, Leslie Rittierdt, Steven Walter, Jordan Seaberg, Nate Maple, Jim Heldt, Josh Carlson, Nick Ciarmboli, Justin Steggerda, Tim Sanders, Caroline Ashby, Veronica Hanson, Molly Hanson, Kiley Waltz, Sarah Butitta. **Second Row:** Kathryn Amendt, Jennifer Ayres, Lindsay Gilbert, Nichole Kirkhart, Rachel Broich, Brenden Furrow, Andy Pilkington, Colin Seibert, Spencer Reed, Gabriel Carnes, Jaryd White, Ryan Waltz, Michael Carnes, Stephanie Bunting, Allison Dzubak, Stefanie Smith, Becca Smith, Jenna Craggs. **Third Row:** Libby Noteboom, Elizabeth Timmons, Amy Konz, Lauren Butterwick, Sarah Carlson, Alexis Van Vleet, Zach Moses, Scott Jennings, Grant Andersen, Nick Beery, Alex Grasso, Mitch Cline, David Chamberlin, Megan Dean, Carly Shingledecker, Jessica Flanigan, Laura Von Bon, Jonna White. **Fourth Row:** Natasha Kim, Meryl Houser, Bethany Glendenning, Meredith Cronin, Laura Mulholland, Stephanie Lamb, John Jacobsen, Thomas Danielson, Ladd Blakely, Tyler Biggs, Shawn Coughlin, Mike Stange, Thomas Avaux, Mike Entreim, Austin Fiala, Kristina Beswick, Annie Schwartz, Allie Smith, Erin Danielson, Whitney Warne.



First Row: Jim Mahony, Tyler Swett, Zach Swoyer, Alex Kron, Brandon Swett, Alex Hammer, Joe Thunte, Brian Underwood, Jason Fry, Jake Haden, Trevor Kruger. **Second Row:** Tim Gannon, Micheal Heilman, David Fella, Peter Christakos, Seth Van Roekel, Martin Schnickel, Alex Bour, Adrian Loffler, Phil Wong, John Becvar, Blake Hainline, Kevin Miao, Colby Taylor. **Third Row:** coach Patrick Hennis, Cody Fritz, Jordan Seaberg, Kory Ross, Daniel Gillaspey, Kyle Sell, Brendan Rutherford, Peter Blutt, Dylan Kimsey, Steven Walter, Brandon Gantt, Zach Cooper, Mitch Cline, coach Dave Beason. **Fourth Row:** Brock Brones, Nick Bussammas, Erik Holt, Matt Johnson, Tom Danielson, Adam Hsu, Matt Bole, Peter Ostiguy, Scott Walter, Ben Morrill.

Cross Country - Boys'

78-27
12th at state



Frist Row: Elizabeth Timmins, Leah Lundstrom-Yuridin, Amanda Leverman, Christy Ellis, Julie Crow, Holly Ross, Amanda Freese, Lauren Turner, Jessica Wilson. **Second Row:** Ashley Raes, Liz Hilby, Martha Meiners, Tiffany Wendel, Jessica Mitchell, Chandra Binnie, Stephanie Robinson, Charlotte Richter, Ali Keenan, Emily DePenning, Kelsey Brown, Kelsey Dicken. **Third Row:** coach Patrick Hennis, Megan Samson, Nicole Gibson, Stephanie Wilmore, Lori Bjork, Tiffany Barz, Katie Hlavka, Tara Blutt, Jenna Woody, Abby Green, caoch Craig Oldham.



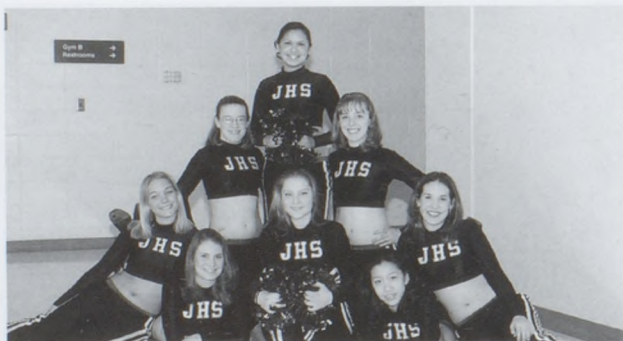
Cross Country - Girls'

Johnston invite- first
Ballard invite- first

First Row: Amie Wentland, Christa Beason, Sonja Spray, Jenny Wu, Amanda Thrasher. **Second Row:** Jenny Carl, Ashley Dominguez, Alyssa Ciarmboli.

Danz Team- JV

Captains:
Sonja Spray
Ashley Dominguez



Danz Team- Varsity

Nationals:
2nd in Jazz
3rd in Pom

First Row: Stephany Nielsen, Christine Baker, Erika Stennes, Whitney Dominguez, Savana Ruggieri, Lauren Denison. **Second Row:** Stacy Syroka, Alii Pike, Laura Mulholland, Kiley Waltz, Shawna Baker, Jessica Flanigan, Whitney Lorenc.





First Row: Elizabeth Holt, Ashley Abbas, Nicholas Ceolla, Corey Goerd, Emily Bibler, Lauren Harvey, Tim Gannon. **Second Row:** Kyle Goodrich, Mike Farrell, Trent Peterson, Chris Barkes, Ashley Raes, Erin Sams, Zach Swoyer, Brock Brones.

Diversity Committee

Cornstock June 3

Drama

Fall Play:
Glass Menagerie

Spring Play:
Arsenic and Old
Lace

First Row: Ashleigh Freese, Shabrean Nead, Emily Bibler, Lia Yoon, Giedre Miniataite, J.P. Whol. **Second Row:** Paul Miller, Austin Fiala, John Jacobsen, Sean Caughlin, Sam Ites, Aaron Holmgren.



First Row: Patrick Freese, Ryan Knepper, Brett Turner, Andrew Doudna, Matt Tiller, Joel Bubeck, Eric Dreibelbeis. **Second Row:** Jim Hinchliff, Mike Holowinski, Corey Chancellor, Dustin VanZee, Matt Meyers, Nick Shoeman. **Third Row:** Peter Holmgren, David Fritz, Andrew Shields, Matt Brown, Shane Lamb, Nick Ceolla, Brandon Thompson. **Fourth Row:** Dan Ostrom, Spencer Reed, Jaryd White, Matt Ness, Chris Jespersen, Cory Dennis, Nathan Petersen. **Fifth Row:** Trevor Holt, Ambrose Ball-Harney, Kevin Messmaker, Jon Shockey, Rob Lang, Jordan Wengert, Brandon Will. **Sixth Row:** Grant Hayward, Ryan Sievers, Tyler Miller, Brandon Betz, Max Baxter, Kaleb Foshe, Patrick Klopfenstein. **Seventh Row:** coach Randy Wee, coach Ed Terhune, coach Brian Reece.

Football-Freshmen

Record: 2-7
50 pointed North

Football-Sophomore

Record: 3-6
Beat Valley

First Row: Chris Palmer, Reid Baker, Nate Maple, Jake Hukee, Jay Warren, Mike Mertz. **Second Row:** Matt Dominguez, Cory Shannon, Jacob Pike, Dexter Hawkins, Tim Duquette. **Third Row:** Evan Schultz, Steven King, Jason Arment, Chase Moffitt, Greg Olson, Ryan Steinkamp. **Fourth Row:** Josh Geneser, Jake Goedken, Brian McCrea, Carson Hughes, Tyler Lawrence. **Fifth Row:** Joel Quick, Bryan Messmaker, James Friestad, Alex Miller, Adam Eckhart, Justin Olson. **Sixth Row:** Alex Nelson, coach Vaughn, coach Jeff Hawkins, coach Zachry Christenson, Brenden Furrow.



First Row: Taylor Bryant, AJ Morris, Stewart Nelson, Jon Evans, Jordan Huewe, Jason Ward. **Second Row:** Luke Bengston, Steve Luebke, Ben Bjorholm, Pat Ryerson, Zach Moses, Clint Saf-Robbins, Mike Amick. **Third Row:** Jason Jones, Billy Guisto, Tyler Stanley, Jimmy Cate, Ricky DeHamer, Chris Titus. **Fourth Row:** John Warner, Scott Jennings, James Rhodes, Ryan Waltz, Paul Peppmeier, Nathan McGinnes. **Fifth Row:** Randall Chamberlin, Bryan Crosser, Ryan Bole, Chris Gass, Kam Kielhorn, Adam Meyer. **Sixth Row:** David Chamberlin, Derek Retherford, Brian Andrus, Ben Jenkins, AJ Kohles, Tyler Cate. **Seventh Row:** Coach Garry Auxier, Coach Nick Durand, coach Brian Woody, coach Ted Christensen, Coach Brent Ksiazek.

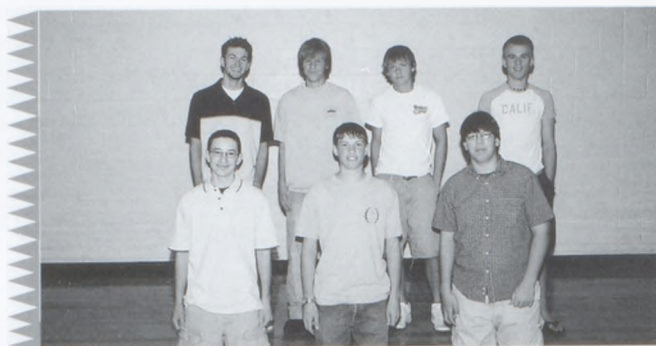
Football-Varsity

Record: 5-4
S.E. Polk
Urbandale
Newton



Golf-Boys'

First Row: Jake Baltzley, Calvin Vernon, Kyle Scott.
Second Row: Seth McClellan, Nathan Pirie, Josh Hansen, Grant Andersen.



First Row: Jessica Wheeler, Tiffany Barz, Katie Hull, Kristina Beswick, Allison Mendrys, Christy Ellis, Katie Battani. **Second Row:** coach Jason Kirkpatrick, Alyssa Mueller, Whitney Warne, Ashley Oeltjenbruns, Amanda Kennedy, Elizabeth Janes, Alicia Corron, Nicole Jansen, Jessica Upton, coach Steve Smith.

Golf-Girls'

Record: 41-27

Conference second
 Districts second



Innovation

First Row: Leslie Rittierodt, Jason Holland, Jonna White, Michael Carnes, Steven Walter, Allie Smith.
Second Row: Nichole Kirkhart, David Chamberlin, Meryl Houser, Tommy Avaux, Nick Beery, Stephanie Lamb, Nick Ciarimboli, Amanda Hyde. **Third Row:** Kathryn Amendt, Alex Grasso, Caroline Ashby, Gabriel Carnes, Gran Andersen, Laura Von Bon.
Fourth Row: Steffanie Smith, Jim Heldt, Scott Jennings, Jessica Flanigan. **Fifth Row:** Sarah Fey, Ladd Blakely, Tom Danielson, Holly Ross. **Sixth Row:** Kristina Beswick, Austin Fiala, Zach Moses, Erin Danielson, Mike Stange, Tyler Biggs, Laura Mulholland.



First Row: Josh Carlson, Fifi Albathe, Erin Sams, Mike Pray. **Second Row:** Derek Deer, Brian Underwood, Jenna Jewell, Jessica Wilson, Kelly Albrecht, Erick Turpin. **Third Row:** Elly Peterman, Charlotte Richter, Steven Lauer, Alex Grasso, Alex Nelson, Tiffany Wendel, Alex Kron, Jay Warren.

Jazz Band

Sciba Jazz festival - first
 Titan Jazz festival - first



First Row: Elizabeth Gulleen, Katie Battani, Caryn Albrecht, Annie Schunicht, Katie Hull, Meredith Mertz, David Luepke. **Second Row:** Frank Roggio, Tim Sanders, Nick McKinley, Ryan Waltz, Mitch Cline, Scott Walter, David Blume, Kurt Larson, Tyler Peterson.

Jazz Ensemble

Titan Jazz festival - second
 Hoover Jazz festival - fourth





First Row: Blane Chesnut, Kelli Zimmer, Alec Beck-Cross, Lazarus French. **Second Row:** Michael Miller, Colby Elmitt, Matt Bole, Megan Kempf, Brianna Wight, Eric Williamson.

Jazz Lab

Performed in the end of the year Jazz extravaganza

Jr./Sr. Board

Senior Breakfast

Class Day
May 28th

First Row: Christy Ellis, Allie Smith, Erin McGowan, Mike Stange. **Second Row:** David Muecke, Stephanie Cameron, Laura Mullholland, Adrian Loffler.



First Row: Jordan Seaberg, Brenden Furrow, Matthew Stange, Nate Maple, Alex Grasso, Justin Steggerda, Steven Walter, Jim Heldt, Kevin Herink, Jaryd White, Josh Carlson. **Second Row:** Tom Danielson, Andrew Pilkington, Joe Thruente, Joel Schreiber, John Jacobsen, Gabriel Carnes, Spencer Reed, Michael Carnes, David Chamberlin, Ryan Bole, Colin Seibert, Nick Ciarimboli. **Third Row:** Tyler Biggs, Micheal Darling, Scott Jennings, Shawn Coughlin, Mitch Cline, Colby Taylor, Zach Moses, Ryan Waltz, Greg Patten, Jake Haden, Brock Brones, Peter Langston. **Fourth Row:** Ladd Blakely, Joey Schmidt, Antonio Festini, Mike Eitheim, Grant Andersen, Mike Stange, Austin Fiala, Nick Beary, Tommy Avaux, Matt Bole, Alex Hammer, Jason Fry, Russ Wiskirchen.

Mixed Chorus-Boys'

Mixed Chorus-Girls'

First Row: Lacie Woods, Elizabeth Timmins, Emily White, Kathryn Amendt, Caryn Albrecht, Jenny Carl, Elizabeth Dieseth, Brittany Westercamp, Ashley Meek, Alexis Van Vleet, Kiley Waltz, Caroline Ashby, Veronica Hason, Molly Hason, Allison Husome, Ashley Raes, Devon Leslie, Erin Sams. **Second Row:** Natasha Kim, Stephanie Bittner, Nichole Kirkhart, Sarah Fey, Christa Beason, Ashley Oeltjenbruns, Lindsay Gilbert, Jessica Wheeler, Kelli Zimmer, Julie Luepke, Jenny Albers, Whitney Warner, Becca Smith, Annie Schwartz, Carly Shingledecker, Steffanie Smith, Allison Dzubak. **Third Row:** Amy Konz, Amanda Cook, Allison Thomann, Amie Wentland, Alyssa Mueller, Mikaela Donaldson, Amanda Hyde, Lauren Butterwick, Jonna White, Leslie Rittierodt, Stephanie Lamb, Lauren Wilson, Jessi Hill, Megan Dean, Jessica Flanigan, Allie Smith, Amber Phelps, Wendy Xu. **Fourth Row:** Jennifer Ayres, Hayley Hirst, Meryl Houser, Elizabeth Noteboom, Justine Blanchard, Bethany Glendenning, Laura Mullholland, Rachel Broich, Sarah Carlson, Meredith Cronin, Holly Ross, Laura Von Bon, Giedre Miniotaite, Stephanie Bunting, Erin Danielson, Kristina Beswick, Sarah Johnson, Kelly Johnson.



First Row: Erika King, Mike Pray, Laura Copeland, Jenny Wu, Jared Reiser, Molin Zhong, Katie Hull, Katie Carter, Julie Crow, Erik Holt, Jeremy Lordes. **Second Row:** Jeremy Cordes, Allison Husome, Eric Dreibelbeis, Fannie Zhou, Tyler Buller, Ashley Oeltjenbruns, Sara Embrey, Jenna Jewell, David Blume, Kayla Casey. **Third Row:** Annie Schwartz, Ashley Raes, Katie Hlavka, Lia Yoon, Austin Fiala Sam Schroeder, Alex Kron Diane Brown, Peter Ostiguy, Matt Johnson, Scott Walter, Nick Beery

Mock Trial

five year team third in state



Newspaper

CSPA gold medalist

Quill and Scroll 1st place

First Row: Stephen Ites, Hudson Lewis, Kristen Carter, Jane Slusark, Katie Carter, Rachel Mullen, Amanda Cook. **Second Row:** Mallory Beck, Jimmy Cate, Matt Campbell, Brecca Hoffman, Morgan Leitner, Elise Mullen. **Third Row:** Jake Hukee, Chris Sigmund, Lindsay Keast, J.P. Whol, Matthew Putney, Monica Goedken, Kayla Flanigan.



First Row: Erin Smith, Michelle Soper, Leslie Rittierodt, Elizabeth Rottenberg, Rachel Mullen, Laura Skeens, Amanda Freese, Matt May, Nick Ciarimboli, Katie Hull, Katie McKinley. **Second Row:** Brittany Parker, Jessica Flanigan Jenna Stone, Jennifer Herrmann, Stacey Johnson, Kayla Casey, Ashley Parker, Julie Crow, Jodi Deal, Kimberly Peer, Kristen Schroeder, Peter Christakos, Allison Mendrys, Katie Gannon, Jared Reiser. **Third Row:** Allie Smith, Grace Schoper, Meredith Mertz, Erin Danielson, Lizabeth Noteboom, Meryl Houser, Aaron Hobbs, Matt Campbell, Mike Stange, Tyler Scott, Nick Beary.

NHS

Phoneathons held Sunday nights in Feb.



S.A.D.D.

Organized Red Ribbon week and planned prom activities

First Row: Martin Flaherty, Randall Chamberlin, Marin Viera, Beth Hanigan, Amanda Jones, Cortney Seibert.



First Row: Shelbi Haller, Aaron Shields, Adam Greger, Scott Jennings, Frank Roggio, Amanda Freese, Caroline Ashby. **Second Row:** Leslie Rittierodt, Jonna White, Christy Ellis, Elizabeth Rottenberg, Veronica Hanson, Brenna Smith, Whitney Lorenc, Whitney Dominguez, Jessica Flanigan, Rachel Mullen, Jodi Deal, Julie Crow, Kimberly Peer, Laura Skeens. **Third Row:** Amy Barth, Sarah Carlson, Sarah Fey, Alexis Kucera, Kayla Casey, Brittany Parker, Jenna Stone, Christine Baker, Kelsea Watkins. **Fourth Row:** A.J. Kohles, Alicia Metcall, AJ Morris, Jon Evans, Ryan Clarkson, Eric White, Lauren Fisher, Sarah Porter, Kallie Durand, Lindsey Conrardy, Tiffany Nielsen, Ashley Kilby, Nina Lu. **Fifth Row:** Ashley Song, Allie Warner, Kendra Vestal, Stephanie Cameron, Katie Reichling, Chelsea Hudson, Stacey Johnson, Jennifer Herrmann, Katie Gannon, Allison Mendrys, Jason Sparland, Kayla Flanigan, Kevin Hanigan, Sara Schnell, Justin Young. **Sixth Row:** David Muecke, Marc Cabrera, Courtney Frank, Dan Siedenburb, Kendra Vestal, Grace Schoper, Matthew Stange, Aubri Berndt, Jennifer Morris, Abbie Toney, Shawna Baker, Kristina Beswick, Mike Stange, Billy Guisto. **Seventh Row:** Philip Klugman, Allie Smith, Erin McGowan, Stephanie Robison, Laura Mulholland, Katie Johnson, Lora Knapp, Kevin Kading, Stephanie Lamb, Adam Gray, Derek Deer.

S.A.I.L.

Leadership Retreat Nov. 7-9



First Row: Matt Meyers, Mike Holowinski, Peter Holmgren, Jim Hinchliff, Ben Scott, Nik Christensen, Andy Pullen. **Second Row:** Daniel Kurns, Jeremiah Keltner, Justin Bracelin, Robert Hernandez, Evan Schultz, Hudson Lewis, Tyler Buller, Hongdi Bai. **Third Row:** coach Tyler Jacobsen, Kyle Phillips, Bryan Messmaker, Jon Shockey, Brenden Furrow, Jacob Pike, Tyler Brown, coach Eric Peterson.

Soccer-JJV Boys'

Record: 2-2-4
Beat S.E. Polk 3-1





First Row: Spencer Reed, Billy Koch, Jaryd White, David Fritz, Matt Brown, John Stradley, Kyle Sell. **Second Row:** Calvin Vernon, Dylan Ramsey, Steven Wilson, Tyler Stanley, Ryan Steinkamp, Tom Danielson, Peter Blutt, Derek Merkler. **Third Row:** coach Russ Fortune, Shasa Ghaffarcadeh, Drew Armstrong, Cam Heverly, Colin Seibert, Brock Brones, Mitch Cline, Matt Sandmann, coach Tyler Jacobsen.

Soccer-JV Boys'

Tied Valley

Soccer-Varsity Boys'

Record: 11-2
upset Valley 2-1

beat Ames and
made it to state

First Row: Mike Mertz, Chris Heffling, Matt Dominguez, Jason Sparland, Derek Merkler, John Rippel, Justin Steggerda. **Second Row:** coach Eric Peterson, Cory Shannon, Steven King, Ryan Waltz, Reid Baker, Niles Bailey, Kyle Foshe, Tyler Stanley. **Third Row:** coach Matt Todd, Nathan Pirie, Jake Haden, Adam Creger, Kevin Kading, David Muecke, David Hefner, Ernad Jaskic, Nate Wall, coach Russ Fortune.



First Row: Beth Hanigan, Caitlin Digman, Veronica Hanson, Kelly Blaylock, Jessica Peiffer, Becca Smith. **Second Row:** Danielle Larimer, Sonja Spray, Amanda Rhoads, Kelly Albrecht, Sandy Rodriguez, Megan Danielson, Jenna Lammers, Stephanie Wilmore. **Third Row:** coach Tracy Jacobsen.

Soccer-JJV Girls'

Soccer-JV Girls'

Record: 4-2-4
Tied Urbandale

First Row: Nichole Kirkhart, Rachel Mullen, Sarah Porter, Kristen Schroeder, Jessica Helps, Audrey Tucker, Leslie Rittierodt. **Second Row:** Karina Baymiller, Annie Schwartz, Ashley DuBay, Michele Gunderson, Jenna Craggs, Kristen Carter. **Third Row:** Danelle Postel, Tiffany Wendel, Rachael Behnke, Jane Slusark, Katie Hlavka, coach Alicia Rollison.



First Row: Megan Schonhorst, Ashley Parker, Amy Barth, Brittany Parker, Erin McGowan. **Second Row:** Tayler Vestal, Kendra Schroeder, Megan Ware, Molly Hanson. **Third Row:** Libby Wilson, Kelsey Brown, Mallory Beck, Steph Cameron, Tara Blutt.

Soccer-Varsity Girls'

Record: 13-2
Ankeny
Urbandale

Softball- Freshman

First Row: Molly Ver Mulm, Brittney Kronick.
Second Row: Megan Samson, Keelie Fisher, Annie Schunicht. **Third Row:** Becca Paszkiewicz, Kendall Schuck, Alison Brown, Heather Chance.



First Row: Lindsay Sleep. **Second Row:** Mary Kuster, Bekah Morris. **Third Row:** Beth Roese, Danielle Collignon, Stephany Nielsen, Steffanie Smith, Andrea Kraft, Ashley Kilby, Kortni Stocker, Liz Swanson. **Fourth Row:** Mindy Schoop, Stephanie Williams, Courtney Frank, Hannah Miller, Katie Reichling, Abby Morris, Sarah Peppmeier, Libbie Reichling, Sara Embrey, Erin Newbury.

Softball- JV/Varsity

Record: 33-20
Beat Valley in
districts
Districts: 3-1

Sound Advice

Urbandale second
S.E. Polk fourth

First Row: Ashley Oeltjenbruns, Kari Neal, Amy Konz, Amanda Thrasher, Emily DePenning, Jenny Wu, Krysten Steen, Kelly Johnson. **Second Row:** Daniel Rottenberg, Stacy Syroka, Gerrit Hansen, Jenna Hukee, Colby Elmitt, Emily Forte, Rob Lang, Lindsey McCulley, Megan Danielson. **Third Row:** Jim Hinchliff, Falyn Tingley, Ryan Knepper, Alyssa Ciamboli, Spencer Reed, Chelsea Wendt, Brandon Thompson, Justine Blanchard, Andrew Goers. **Fourth Row:** Amanda Cook, Carly Shingledecker, Mackenzie Lang, Lindsey Ranney, Lauryn Tosch, Taylor Bell, Kelly Albrecht, Tyler Buller. **Fifth Row:** Chris Heffling, Eric Dreibelbeis, Emily McPherson, Sherry House, Allison Husome, Ashley Raes, Jaryd White, Kyle Phillips, Claire Lekwa. **Sixth Row:** Sean Coughlin, Peter Holmgren, Jordan Wengert, Daniel Kurns, Alyssa Mueller, Jeremiah Keltner, Peter Ostiguy, Brandon Betz, Kyle McCracken.



First Row: Nina Lu, Christy Ellis, Molly Hanson, Leslie Ritterodt. **Second Row:** Laura Mulholland, Elizabeth Timmins, Corey Goerd, Holly Ross, Kevin Hanigan, Rob Lang. **Third Row:** David Muecke, Marc Cabrera, Daniel Rottenberg, Peter Holmgren, Alex Grasso, Aaron Holmgren, Zach Swoyer, Derek Retherford, Ben Morrill.

Student Council

Swimming- Boys'

Record: 4-3

Invites:

Johnston: first
Ames: third
Conference: third
Districts: third

First Row: Phil Wong, Danny Howell, Kyle Weaver, Cliff Mountsier, Deven Neal, Eric Bentzinger. **Second Row:** Roy Choi, Sam Killion, John Broek, Parker Watson, Colby Judd, Tim Sanders, Brandon Swett, Nate Wentch, Adi Furez, Andrew Mountsier, Ben Choi. **Third Row:** Cory Neal, Ben Hokscho, Tyler Swett, Sam Schroeder, Cory Weaver, Patrick Hanson, David Hughes, Kevin Hanigan, Kyle Mandsager.





First Row: Kiersten Crowill, Katey Schweitzer, Melissa Gulling, Jackie Creveling, Sara Broek, Erin Danielson, Emily Cameron. **Second Row:** Emily Fey, Allison Husome, Lindsay Lee, Mallory Howard, Liz Wong, Rachel Hokscho, Katie Richman, Gwen Meyer, Michelle Crouch, Allie Mackey, Leng Vong. **Third Row:** Megan Danielson, Rachel Lippincott, Maggie Mountsier, Elizabeth Cameron, Erica King, Kelsey Knight, Julia Kottke, Michelle Gallotie, Alex Frakes, Claire Lekwa, Laura Albright.

Swimming-Girls'

Record: 4-3

Invites:

Ames 2nd
Conference 3rd
District 3rd

Synergy

First Row: Brett Turner, Molly Hanson, Brenden Furrow, Kiley Waltz, Whitney Warne, Brittany Westercamp, Jordan Seaberg, Natasha Kim, John Jacobsen. **Second Row:** Lauren Butterwick, Erin Sams, Alex Hammer, Annie Schwartz, Ashley Meek, Josh Carlson, Peter Langston, Meredith Cronin, Brian Underwood, Megan Dean, Russ Wiskirchen, Jessica Hill, Mike Eitrem, Colby Taylor, Allison Thomann, Lacie Woods, Greg Patten, Caryn Albrecht, Elizabeth Dieseth.



First Row: Ryan Bass, Jesse Pullen, Billy Guisto, Nate Miller, Drew Imhoff, Adam Krultz, Jim Heldt, Josh Hansen, Mac Cabrera, Joey Verrant. **Second Row:** Andy Pullen, Alex Grasso, Trevor Pullen, Scott Sauber, Neal Parenza, Ian Tayner. **Third Row:** Jeff Townsend, Alex Miller, Adam Thilges, Bryan Crosser, Brandon Seyer, A.J. Kohles, Jeff Bunge, Austin Fiala, Curtis Froehlich, Joe Shaw.

Tennis-Boys'

Record: 7-4

District semi-finalists; AJ Kohles, Marc Carrera, and Alex Miller

Tennis-Girls'-JV

Record: 6-3

Dowling 4-1
Indinola 17-9
Urbandale 6-4
Ankeny 13-9

First Row: Jenny Wu, Lauren Turner, Soheil Yalpani, Jessica Wilson, Erin Turner, Allison Husome. **Second Row:** Wendy Xu, Abby Miller, Amy Konz, Monica Goedken, Lia Yoon, Sonja Spray, Lucy Yao. **Third Row:** Meghean Skinner, Stephanie Crowel, Rebekah Casciato, Lauren Wilson, Xian Zhang, Amanda Jones, coach Sarah Gibson.



First Row: Megan Miller, Ande Skinner, Cortney Seibert, Melissa Larson, Michelle Mefferd, Jodi Deal, Sarah Carlson, Jessica Flanigan. **Second Row:** coach Deb Nicholson, Jenna Woody, Allison Dzubak, Sara Schnell, Nina Lu, Katie Hlavka, Annie Schwartz, Ashley Weaver, Stephanie Nyquist.

Tennis-Girls'-Varsity

Record: 3-7

Conference 1-4



Track Boys'

Urbandale- first
Boone- third
Rosevelt- third

First Row: Ben Bjorholm, David Chamberlin, David Fella, Ryan Bole, Pat Ryerson, Jon Evans, Peter Christakos, Stewart Nelson, Kevin Miao, Adrian Lottler, Phil Wong, Jason Ward. **Second Row:** Alex Nelson, Matt Bole, Daniel Gillaspay, Dexter Hawkins, Peter Langston, Andrew Doudna, Jeff Courtright, Ryan Sievers, Ambrose Ball-Harney, Matt Tiller, Chris Gass. **Third Row:** Josh Bowen, Lan Huang, Joel Quick, Mike Amick, Kevin Hanigan, Tommy Avox, Joe Thuyente, Brandon Thompson, Nathan Petersen, Brandon Will, Corey Chancellor, Rob Lang. **Fourth Row:** Cody Fritz, Alex Kron, Trevor Kruger, Brian Underwood, Erik Holt, Kory Ross, Michael Heilman, Jason Fry, Brandon Betz, Jay Warren. **Fifth Row:** Colby Elmitt, James Friestad, T.J. Ramsey, Derek Deer, Alex Bower, Dustin Van Zee, Patrick Klopfenstein, Scott Jennings, Kaleb Foshe. **Sixth Row:** Peter Ostiguy, Carson Hughes, Jason Arment, Jake Hukee, Jordan Seaberg, Brenden, Jake Goedken. **Seventh Row:** coach Patrick Honkomp, coach Patrick Hennes, coach Brian Woodley, coach George Sypniewski.



First Row: Alison Brown, Laura Stennes, Robyn Norris, Laura Valencia, Haley Parks, Nicole Gibson, Amanda Freese, Julie Crow, Chelsea Hudson, Stacey Johnson, Christa Beason, Lori Bjork. **Second Row:** Emily Funk, Liz Hilby, Jenna Jewell, Mackenzie Lang, Emily DePenning, Ashley Meade, Abby Green, Holly Ross, Alexis Van Vleet, Kelsey Dicken, Brooke DeSart. **Third Row:** coach Dave Beason, coach Patrick Hennes, Laura Stoeker, Liz Wong, Liz Sigmund, Kayla Flanigan, coach Fredrick Rynning, Katie Johnson, Amanda Hyde, Abbie Toney, Lauren Thompson, Sarah Reese, Chelsea Smith, Martha Meiners, Charlotte Richter, coach Craig Oldham.

Track Girls'

Johnston invite- first
Carlisle invite- first
Boone invite- second
Hoover invite- second



TSA

Johnston RC - first
State - second
State (RC) - third

First Row: Katie Hull, Nate Sheesley. **Second Row:** Ron Trobaugh, Kyle Catron, Jake Walahoski, Ryan Mayer.



First Row: Abby Miller, Stephanie Bower, Amy Konz, Lindsey McCulley, Anna McCullough, Kendra Beane. **Second Row:** Carah Holliday, Megan Imge, Bridget Mahony, Missy Deer, Liz Sigmund, Libbie Reichling, Mallory McCarty. **Third Row:** coach Sarah Gibson, Kristin Fortney, Stacie Schafer, Lauren Thompson, Abby Morris, Sarah Reese, Alexis Van Vleet, Allison Norelius, coach Kurtain

Volleyball-Freshman

Record: 29-0
Beat Urbandale



Volleyball-Sophomore

Match: 15-9-6

Urbandale 2-1
Valley 3-0
Pella Christian 2-0

First Row: Erin Newbury, Becca Paszkiewicz, Lauren Butterwick, Alicia Richards. **Second Row:** Jessica Hoover, Emily Phelps, Alyssa Mueller, Mindy Schoop, Molly Ver Mulm, Lindsay Parry. **Third Row:** coach Andrea McEnroe, Sara Embrey, Stephanie Nyquist, Jennifer Fox, Beth Roese, Stephanie Williams, coach Deb Nicholson.





First Row: Ryan Tometich, Stacey Johnson, Joann Van Vleet, Courtney Seibert, Tiffany Nielsen, Katy Green, Allison Mendrys, Kayla Casey. **Second Row:** Kaylynn Williams, Lindsay Keast, Abbie Toney, Katie Johnson, Grace Schoper, Megan Ward, Amy Clausen. **Third Row:** coach Richard Brooks, Kayla Flanigan, Ashley Kilby, Kortni Stocker, Brenna Smith, Sarah Porter, Stephanie Cameron, coach Beth Ward.

Volleyball- JV/Varsity

Record: 14-14-6
Beat Dowling 3-2

We the People

First Row: Nina Lu, Kyle Mandsager, Austin Fiala, John Lund, Pam Brande.

Accademic competition held in Feb. against several other Des Moines area schools



First Row: Brendan Rutherford, Katie McKinley, Megan Miller, Kristin Badgley, Robert Seaberg, Laura Oviatt, Josh Hansen. **Second Row:** Kyle Sullivan, Frank Roggio, Charli Ritcher, Kelly Albrecht, Michelle Soper, Marie Mock, Brian Underwood, David Luepke, Mike Pray, Jessica Upton, Jessica Wilson, Fifi Albathe, Stacie Bendixen, Tiffany Wendel. **Third Row:** Doug Fuller, Bryan Junge, Jennifer Goellner, Katie Battani, Annie Schunicht, Kathryn Amendt, Caryn Albrecht, Mitch Cline, Katie Hull, Elizabeth Gulleen, Kelsea Watkins, Kiley Waltz, Allison Dzubak, Ellen Larson, LauraBeth Vander Ploeg. **Fourth Row:** Tim Mabee, Scott Walter, David Blume, Lindsay Keast, Elly Peterman, Meredith Mertz, Tyler Peterson, Chris Barks, Alex Grasso, Ryan Waltz, Kurt Larson, Jon Burns, Derek Deer, Jay Messerly.

Wind Symphony

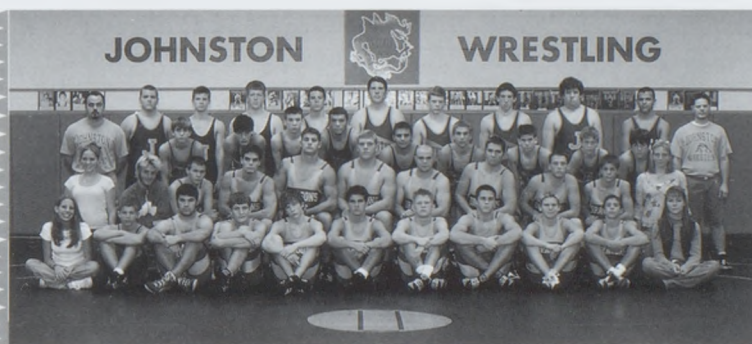
Division I rating at large group competition

Wrestling

Record: 7-23

State Quifiers:
Stewart Nelson
Blake Hainline

First Row: Lindsey Conrardy, Patrick Freese, Josh Geneser, Zach Swoyer, Nick Bussammas, Matt Dominguez, Nate Maple, Scott Jennings, Blake Hainline, Brett Turner, Alicia Richards. **Second Row:** Sara Mitchell, Steve Slietzer, James Rhoades, John Becvar, Stewart Nelson, Taylor Bryant, David Chamberlin, Tyler Gustafson, Seth Van Roekel, Dylan Kimsey, Sarah Reese. **Third Row:** coach Partick Honkomp, Dustin Volquardsen, Tim Gannon, Jarrod Boever, Drew Armstrong, Jeff Deets, Matt Brown, Jim Hinchliff, Joey Glen, Eric Dreibelbeis, coach Brian Reece. **Fourth Row:** Josh Gumbiner, Joel Bubeck, Mike Amick, Vic Minella, Jay Warren, Kaleb Foshe, Dallas Beery, Paul Peppmeier, Semir Hamulic.



First Row: Justine Blanchard, Rachel Vorm, Jenna Stone, Alicia Corron, Marin Viera, Megan O'Toole, Julie Crow. **Second Row:** Sheena Wendel, Stacy Olsasky, Stacie Bendixen, Jennifer Herrmann, Matt Campbell, Stephanie Cameron, Elizabeth Janes, Lindsey Lockner. **Third Row:** Matthew Putney, Tyler Swett, Dave Seibert, Aaron Holmgren, Kristin Boscaljon, Danielle Collignon, Giedre Miniotaite, Afton Simpson.

Yearbook

NSPA all-American

CSPA gold medalist rating



A few weeks later...

Hey, Jeff... remember when I asked you all those questions about you being a dragon?

Oh yeah! Man, I can't believe I told you all that stuff! If that ever got out...

Hey? What is this? Is this about me?

Calm down, Jeff. Read it first.

What? This is all lies!!! Where's the part about my hair getting burned off?

Where's my REVENGE??

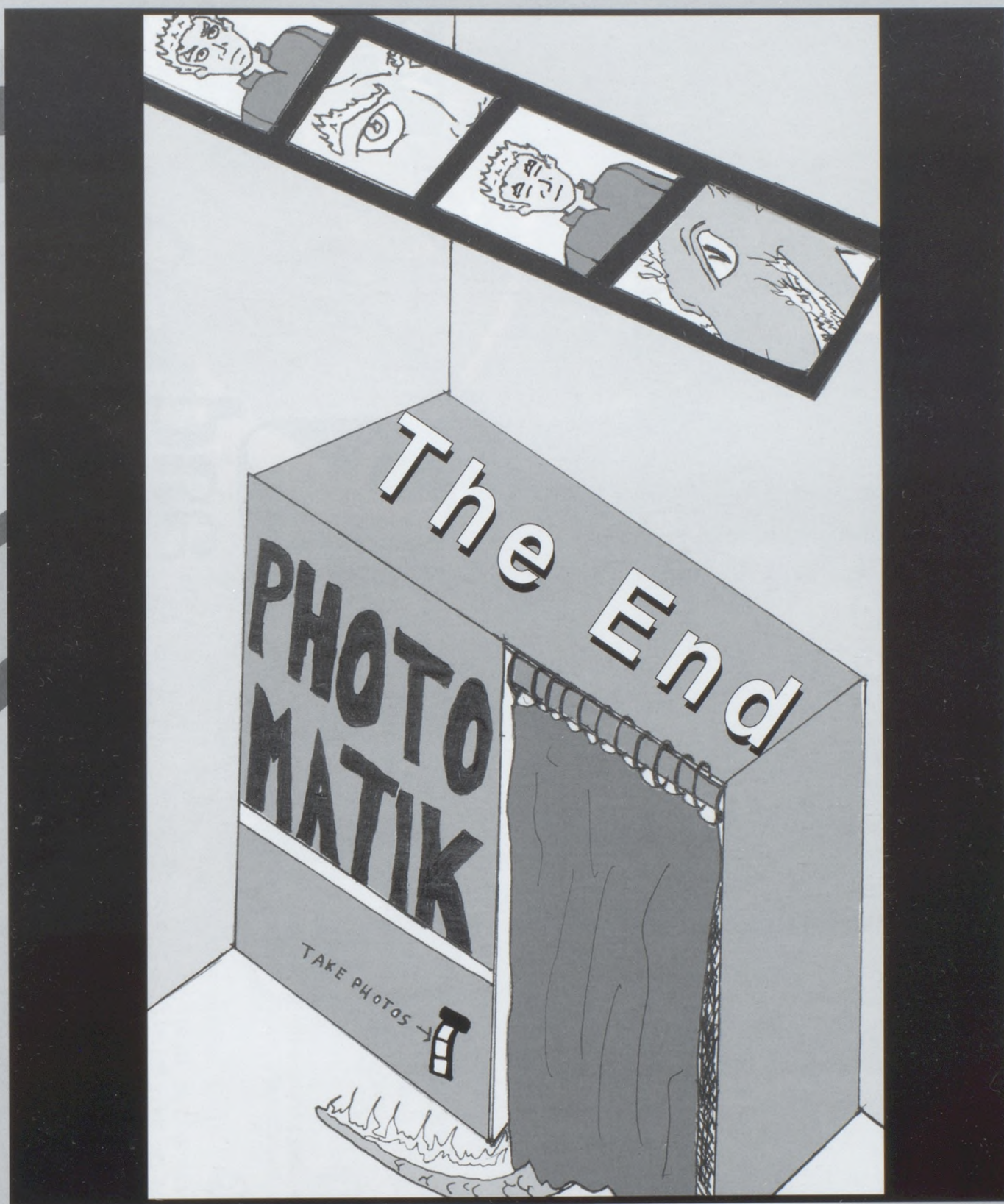
Hey! This is a great story! Now I don't need to worry about my secret!

I'm so glad you did this... maybe I was wrong about humans...

WHY??? Doesn't being a bully mean anything anymore?

Thank you, Maxwell Putley, you are a fine young man.

Thank you, uh, Dragon



cartoons by Aaron Holmgren, Woody Brenton and Dave Seibert

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The Bully



Jeff Joh

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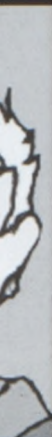
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Enter the Dragon

Road construction rouses a sleeping superhumanitarian

"I never thought they would know" said senior Jeff Johnson. With already a full year of Johnston schooling under his belt, the truth came out; Jeff Johnson is a real life, fire-breathing, wing-flapping dragon. According to Johnson, he had been sleeping under the school for the last 10,000 years, making quite the nap for the original Johnston Dragon. Some students, like senior Carol Danvers, wonder how old Johnson is in human years. According to Johnson, he is 19...thousand.

For freshman Wally West, Johnson was exactly what JHS needed. Johnson saved West a week of lunch money and a black eye from the school bully. "I was about to get knuckle sandwich, fresh out of the oven. Next thing I knew, Jeff turned into a huge dragon and chased the guy off," said West.

But how does Johnson switch from man to dragon? "It's all in the shoes," said Johnson. "By simply clicking my heels together twice, I morph faster than you can say 'Fontorian.' Fontorian, according to Johnson, is the Lord of the Dragons, and even Johnson is unsure of his age. In fact, Johnson acquired his magical shoes from Fontorian himself.

As we were told by Fontorian, the shoes were made by the Master Dragon Shoe Maker. "He made shoes for everyone, not just dragons. When Michael Jackson turns into a panther in that one music video...that was real. Michael Jackson is actually a panther with magic shoes,"

said Fontorian.

Among the many activities and programs Johnson participated in, he excelled most playing varsity basketball. "He asked to be on the team. I told him that he had to try out just like everyone else, and he totally blew me away," said basketball coach Jake Jones.

For junior Billy Batson, basketball fan, Johnson made basketball more fun to watch than ever. "He's like Michael J. Fox in Teen Wolf, but he's Teen Dragon," said Batson.

But why did Johnson wait till now to tell everyone this secret? "Well, if it were up to me, nobody would have ever known," said Johnson. So why did everyone find out? Black and White photo editor Maxwell Putley is why. Our photographer made a startling discovery when perusing the school with his Nikon camera. He came across Johnson's confrontation with Sam Roberts, the school bully. Realizing a good photo opportunity, Putley secretly photographed Johnson. Then he saw something strange... Johnson was changing. With plenty of room on his Nikon D1-X digital camera, Putley took as many photos as he could, capturing everything he needed to expose the truth.

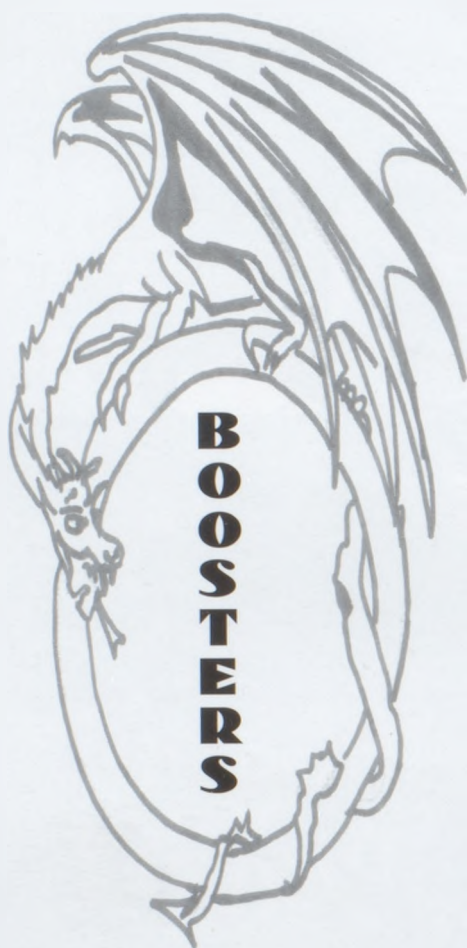
While at first hesitant, Putley delivered the photos to the school newspaper. "It's not like I have anything against Jeff, but this is the biggest thing since American Idol," said Putley.

"I'm not mad at Maxwell in the slightest," said Johnson. "He did everything by the book, and asked me for my side of the story before judging me solely on the fact that I am a dragon."

More amazing Jeff Johnson photos on pages 8 and 9...



photo by Maxwell Putley, photo editor
Senior Jeff Johnson flies, without his 12 foot wing span, over a terrified Urbandale opponent. Johnson averaged 200 points a game, even though he had never played basketball before in all his 19,000 years of living in Johnston, the majority of which was spent sleeping.



The Johnston Yearbook staff would like to give a special thanks to all of the businesses that bought a booster or page ad. These contributions truly made our 2002-2003 yearbook the best it could be! Thank you.

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Cyrus Andrews



Congratulations to our Pleasant Fellow! We love you. We are proud of you. Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and Seth

Carrie Ashby

Caroline Kristin- You're the last one! And what a personality! You have been a bright spot in our family and a delight to watch as you have grown to become the exceptional and beautiful young woman you are today. You have faith in God, the quality of character and the perseverance to accomplish great things in your life. We look forward to the unfolding of your future as you follow your dreams. Thanks for sharing the journey with us. We are privileged to be your parents and your sister and brother.



*With all our love and prayers,
Dad, Mom, Bethany and Joel*

Ladd Blakely

Ladd,
You're a "one in a million custom kid" and we are so very proud of you! Remember, with God, anything is possible. Hold on to your dreams, dare to think outside the box, remember where you came from, and embrace the future with all of it's endless possibilities it has for you. You have been a joy and blessing in our lives and we look forward to watching you grow even more! 1Cor. 10:13
Love, Dad, Mom and Alison



Ryan Bole

There once was a kid named Bole.
And he's not your average ol' Joe.
He'll manage your team,
When you win, he does beam.
And he'll high five you all the way home.



Now this Bole kid got the name Bizz.
And he likes orange soda with fizz.
With a ball, he will shoot.
For your team he will root.
Even dressed for football-- now that's cute!

He's a senior--it's hard to believe.
But his love for Johnston won't leave.
To him, each student's a friend.
All the memories won't end.

What a BLESSING you ALL have been.

Thanks Johnston -- students, teachers and staff -- for a great 12 years!

*Love,
Ryan Bole and Family*

Shawna Baker

Congratulations, Shawna!
We are very proud of all that you
have accomplished! Your leadership
and driven spirit inspires us all. May
happiness and success be yours in
the future. We love you very much
and are extremely proud of the
beautiful
person that
YOU are.

*Love,
Mom, Dad and
Bryan*



Jenna Barnett

Where have all the years
gone? We are so proud of
the beautiful young
woman you have become.
Wherever life leads you
always remember how
special you are. Let your
kind heart and loving
personality

guide you through the
coming years. Strive to be
your best and know you
have our abiding love and
support.

Love Mom and Dad



Ashley Brown

Ashley,
Always strive to achieve your goals and you will
be successful. We are so proud of all you have
done and the person you've become. Never
lose sight of who you are.
Believe in your dreams and believe in yourself!!

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Cody*



Katie Carter



Dear Katie,

The road is rough and winding
along.

Your challenge will be, to always do
right

and seldom

wrong.

Your path is clear and your future
bright

For all your days may you walk in
the light.

*Best Wishes for
Happiness and Success
Mom, Dad, Kristen,
Michael and Nanny*

Reference



James Robert Cate

You have always been our Joy Boy. It hasn't taken long for others to agree. Whether you are in class, in sports, or just hanging out, JIMMY the CHARACTER rings loud and clear. Your leadership senior year on the JHS



football team has let others know that "the funny guy" has real character. The Hawkeyes will be lucky to have you. We are so proud of our Jimmer!

*Love and hugs,
Mom, Dad and Tyler*

Peter Christakos

Peter,
Thank you for all the joy and love that you have brought into our lives. We are so proud of the fine young man you have become. Be true to yourself and may all your dreams come true.

*We love you,
Mom, Dad and Ted*




Natalie Davidson



It has been you who has taught us courage, dedication, compassion, patience, kindness, and unconditional love. You have made us proud, once again.

Congratulations, Natalie.

With all of our love, 
Mom, Dad, Rex and Blake

"Never drive faster than your angels can fly!"

Ricky DeHamer



Congratulations, Ricky!
We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished by setting your goals high. You have been such a joy to our family with all of your energy and humor. Shoop Shoop, we wish the best for your future.

*Love,
Dad and Mom*



Sr. Ads

Danielle Collignon

Danielle...
Always believe
in yourself,
follow your heart
and remember
how much we



love you!
*Love,
Mom, Dad
and Michelle*

Julie Crow



Julie,
I'm so proud of you because of
everything you've accomplished. But I'm
most proud of you because of the kind of
person you are. I love you so much and
look forward with excitement to see you
take on the challenge of college. I'm sure
it will be a wonderful experience for you!
Love, Mom

Christy Ellis

Dear Christy,
It is very difficult to put into words how proud we are of
you. Your hard work and determination have paid off
in many honors, awards, and a wonderful grade point.
However, what makes us the proudest is the kind
heart, and thoughtfulness you show to everyone.
Christy, you are a special person. You light up a room
with your smile, and you make people feel good about
themselves. Continue using that special gift and the
world will be a much better place for those whose
lives you touch. Thank you for the joy and laughter
you have brought into our house. Continue with your
hard work and positive attitude, and your future will be
bright.

*We love you,
Dad, Mom, Jon and Bailey*



Jon Evans

Jon,
Thanks for all the love,
joy and laughter you
brought into our lives.
You have been blessed
with many gifts. It will be
exciting to see where
God leads you on the
road of
life. We're so proud of you.
*Love and prayers,
Dad, Mom, Chris and Nick*



Reference



Merideth Evans



Oh, you must have been a
beautiful baby,
'cause baby look at you now!
Congratulations Meri!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Jessica Flanigan

Jessica,
You're an amazing girl. You can
accomplish anything you want. We'll miss
you so much next year, but we'll always be
here for you.

*All our love,
Mom, Dad, Kayla and Charlie*



Shelbi Haller

To my little girl

*E.very
T.ime*

you smile you melt our hearts.

P.S. Remember to "phone home"

WE LOVE YOU!

Daddy and Cassandra



Kristen Hanson

Dear Kristin,

Since the moment you arrived with those big,
blue eyes and shy smile, you have brought such
joy and sunshine into our lives~ it has been our
privilege to watch you grow from our "little bit" to
Kricket, into the lovely young lady you are today~
we have loved and enjoyed your wonderful
sense of humor~ it will serve you well~ we are so
proud of you and your accomplishments as we
watch you move into the next exciting chapter of
your life. Your kingdom
awaits you, princess~ our
hearts are full as we wish
you "Godspeed little one."

*GOD BLESS AND LOVE ALWAYS
DAD, MOM, JACK AND AMIE*



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Blake Hainline

Blake,
You have worked very hard and we are very proud of you. There are a lot of things that you have accomplished over the last few years and you should be very proud of yourself. You're the best! Thanks for bringing us so many wonderful memories of all the years of baseball, cross country, track, wrestling and yes, even studying. It's worth it, isn't it? Remember we love you and are proud of everything that you have become!!

Dad, Mom and Jes!



Jessica Lauren Hall

Jessie,
After eighteen years, you still won't take no for an answer. Congratulations, we are very proud of you!
Remember
Jessie, "There is *no* such word as can't!"

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Jessica Helps

Jessica,
You are our princess and always will be. You have always been such a sweet, kind and loving daughter. We love you more than you will ever know. Please never lose your great sense of humor. We will miss you when you are off to college. We love you now and forever!!

Mom, Dad and Ryan



Jennifer Herrmann

Jennifer,
Our hope for you is that your life may be filled with success.

Remember:

*The measure of the day's success
Or failure may be told
In terms of human happiness
And not in terms of gold.*

*Our love,
Dad, Mom and Jana*

Reference



Aaron Holmgren

Reading since three,
Ghostbusting at five,
Class President
since you were a
sophomore, National
Award Winning
Photographer.



We've loved you
since before you
were born.

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Peter*



Chelsea Hudson

Chelsea...

We send you out into the world knowing that your contributions to it will begin immediately! Our only wish is that your fits of love, intelligence, humor and compassion will be as cherished by those you meet along the path of life as they are by your family! Our lives were truly blessed on the day you were born and on each day thereafter. May God continue to watch over you and bring you peace...

*With unconditional and overwhelming love,
Mom, Dad, Alex and Michael*



Jessie Kiesling



Jessie,
This 18 year journey has been one of
the greatest experiences of my life... I
look forward to our adult journey
together!

*I love you,
Mom*

Sr. Ads



Alexis Kucera

From dress-up to
grown-up we have
enjoyed sharing life's
moments with you.

We wish you the very
best as you venture
out into the world
and always
remember we are
here for you.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



B.J. Jennings

CONGRATULATIONS B.J.

MAY ALL YOUR
DREAMS
COME TRUE...

LOVE,
DAD, MOM AND ROSS



Kevin Kading

Kevin,
We are so very proud
of you and all you have
accomplished! You can
achieve every goal you
want in life while



stopping every goal on
the soccer field. Enjoy
your college years!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Adrian Loffler

Congratulations Adrian!

We are very proud of you. Keep on
working on your ambitious goals, and
remember that you can always count on
the love and support of your family.

Mom and Dad



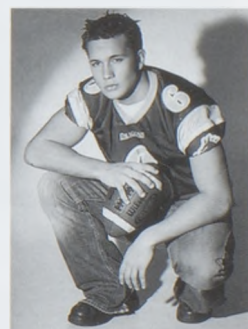
Steven Luebke



Steven,
You are everything I've
desired in a son! Grow
in your
faith,
wisdom
and God's

direction and you will
have the peace and
joy He has planned
for you!

Love,
Mom



Reference



John Lund

John,
Congratulations! We are so proud of the young man you have become. Your future is bright so be sure to enjoy the journey. We wish you adventure, happiness and success.

*With much love and pride,
Dad, Mom, Lauren, and Tess*



Kelli Mabe



To our sweet, free-spirited, adventure-loving girl: may you never lose your sense of wonder and joy on your journey.

We love you so much, Kelli!

Mom, Allyne, Andrew, & Lyndsey

Jennifer Morris



Jennifer,
You have been the sunshine of our lives, and we are so proud of what you have become! As you continue your journey through life, remember to stay focused on your goals and dreams, have fun, be happy and never stop learning!

*We love you!
Mom and Bob*

Stacy Olsasky



Stacy,
Bringing you home from the hospital to watching you graduate from high school has made us all so proud. You have been and always will be our little girl. As you adventure through many of life's challenges ~Remember~ Wherever life takes you, we will always be proud of you! Be the best you can be! Congratulations!



*We love you,
Mom, Dad, Dustin & Shawn*



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Brian McMillen

Brian,
We are so proud to call you our son. We've had a lot of ups and downs over the years. But they were all worth it because it has made you a strong and caring man.

We love you very much and hope you achieve all that you want to do, you can do or be anything you want as long as you put your mind to it and be true to your heart.

*We love you,
Mom and Dad*



Michelle Mefferd

"Lena's" got it "made in the shade" eating "ice worm" and looking at a "maZagine".

Michelle, do those words sound familiar? Wasn't it just yesterday we brought you home from the hospital three and a half hours after you were born? You have grown up to be such a beautiful person inside and out. Your name means "Godly woman" and we see God working in your life. Always put Him first and He will direct your paths and you will always be in His will. And by the way, you'll make an *awesome* nurse!!

Ephesians 3:17-19
Philippians 1:6

*Love,
Dad, Mom,
Scott & Kim*



Ashley & Brittany Parker

"What UP G?"

Congratulations on your graduation from JHS. Although we've said it many times, we are incredibly proud of you both. You have surpassed every expectation we have ever hoped for... and the most important one is that you are happy and enjoy what you are doing.

Today your adult life is beginning and we wish you a lifetime of happiness and success in everything you do.

*We love you very much,
Dad and Beth*



Matthew Putney

Dear Matthew,
I consider myself blessed to have you as my son. You have brought so much joy to my life! Keep up the dedication and determination you have with your photography, you truly have a gift.

Always strive towards your goals, and trust in God to continue to guide you throughout your future. I believe in you (and so does your family!)

*I love you,
Mom*



Reference



Leslie Rittierodt

Congratulations Leslie~



We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. You are truly the joy of our lives. God blessed you with many gifts and talents. Use these gifts to reach your goals. Go for it Leslie... dream, love, laugh, work hard and believe in yourself. We believe you will succeed in whatever you do. You are a winner; you always have been and will continue to be. It's all up to you. We love you very much!

Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Rottenberg

Congratulations
on an
outstanding high
school career!
The fun is just
beginning!
Best wishes now
and always- we
love you!

Dad, Mom and Daniel



Megan Schonhorst

Congratulations, Megan! We love
you and we are so proud of you!
You bring so much joy into our lives!



*Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Brad,
Liz, Matt and Josh*

Jenna Marie Schultes

Jenna, Congratulations. You have brought so much love and happiness to my life. It seems like only yesterday that you were running back to the house from the school bus every morning not wanting to leave me. You've grown into a very beautiful young lady and I wish you all the happiness, love and success in my life! Remember I'm always here for you throughout life's journey! I hope all of your dreams come true! I love you!

Mom

**Way to go Sis!
Love Cody**



Jenna, It took a lot of courage to move your junior year of high school and you have done a great job with yourself and your grades! It's got to be hard! Best of luck with life and everything that it brings to you!

Congratulations!

*Love,
Doug and Madisen*

Savannah Ruggieri



Time

Reflecting on the past
Experiencing the Present
Anticipation the Future

Your life experiences are like a ripple in a pool of water, spreading outward touching and affecting all who are in its path. We are glad to have been in that path and have become better people because of it. Through good times and bad we watched you grow from a spunky

little girl into a beautiful young woman that we are proud to call our daughter. I have no doubt that you will do something great with your life. You mean the world to us and NEVER forget; you have always been and always will be our Smile :)

Love, Dad, Mom, Rachael and Brandon

Life itself is the greatest adventure you will ever experience, and so when given a chance to sit down or Dance, I hope, I "know" you will Dance!!

Brian Schafer

Brian,
We're all very proud of you.
Way to go!
Your Family



Tyler Scott



You've become the young man we all knew you could be, and prayed that you would be—handsome on the outside, but most importantly, beautiful on the inside. Remember that you are defined by your heart, your spirit, your beliefs and your actions. Keep doing what you are doing. Dream big dreams, then go out

and make them happen. Believe in yourself, but thank God for your gifts and accomplishments, as we thank them everyday that you are our son and brother. We love you and we're behind you everyday.
Mom, Dad, and Jamie



Cortney Seibert

Dear Cortney,
We are very proud of all you have accomplished throughout your school years. You have made your family very proud of you as we have watched you grow and mature into a happy young woman. What an exciting, bright future you have ahead of you! Always remember how much we love and support you. Don't ever forget that quitters never win, and winners never quit.



*Love you,
Mom & Dad*

Reference



Dave Seibert

Congratulations, son! You continue to make us proud in everything you do, and we are most confident that you will succeed in every endeavor undertaken. You are a one-of-a-kind chap, so don't ever change. We love you and wish you well in the future.

Love
Mom, Dad &
Michael



Erika Sheldahl

Daughter, you are our memories of the past, our happiness in the present, and our hopes for the future. You are our greatest accomplishment in life, our little princess and tiny dancer, and our greatest joy. Watching you graduate and moving onto the next step of your life has made us very proud of you.

Love Mom & Dad, Your (fishish) Buddy.



Allie Smith



Congratulations Allie!

We couldn't be prouder! We are so thankful that god has given us such a wonderful daughter. You never cease to amaze us! We are also thankful for the awesome group of friends that you have had at Johnston High School. We will miss you next year but we know that you will continue to accomplish great things. Proverbs 16:3, Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.

Never forget how much your family loves you!!!

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Dad, Mom and Ty



Mike Stange

"Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover,"
Mark Twain



Mike,
We want to take this opportunity to say how proud of you we've always been, how much happiness and fun you've added to our lives. There's so much about you to love and respect and admire.

*Nous aimons,
Mom, Dad and Matthew*



Daniel Siedenburg



Daniel,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. May God continue to bless and guide your future. Keep on drummin'!

*Love Always,
Dad, Mom and Joel*

Ande Skinner

Ande,
Congratulations to our adorable daughter who has kept our life exciting the last seventeen years. We



are proud of all your accomplishments (#1 in 4A)! Continue to be the "cheerleader" in all that you do and to everyone you meet.

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Sarah*

Dan Stewart

Dan,
I love you greatly and I'm deeply proud of you! You've been my joy since the day you were born. I thank God for you each and every day! It's absolutely wonderful having you for a son. It seems but yesterday you were that

inquisitive, little boy with bright eyes - full of endless questions. But now you've grown into a very handsome, bright young man - with an endless future. With God's hand, you are headed for great heights of success. I'm proud of you, I respect you and I love you very much! You're the best and my best friend!



*Love you!
Mom*



Congratulations, Dan! This is just the beginning. I know you have the desire and drive to be very successful in life. I'm proud of you, son. I always have been and always will be.

*Love you!
Dad*

Mark Stewart

Mark,
We praise God for the day he gave you to us. What a special gift you are! We are so proud of you for graduating. It hasn't come without difficulties, but you have persevered and we are so thankful. You have great leadership abilities, a wonderful sense of humor and a tender heart, which will lead you to be successful in whatever you do. We love you with all our hearts and pray you allow God to direct your steps. Congratulations!

*Love,
Mom and Dad, Paul,
Jessica and Amy*



Reference



Jenna Stone



Dear Jenna,
When you were little I met a children's author named Nancy Carlson. She autographed one of her books for you. It's called *Life is Fun!* Her intention in writing the book was to encourage kids to make the most of life. Her words went like this... "To be happy on Earth, follow these simple instructions! Be nice to your little sister, and to your pets. Order yourself a triple-scoop ice cream cone. Don't worry about stuff! Sleep late! And if you feel like crying, cry! Keep fit. Eat food that's good for you once in a while. Study real hard and keep away from tough

guys. Don't bring snakes inside and keep your room clean. Tell jokes. Laugh a lot! Fall in love. Go barefoot. Sing loud! Dress real cool. Relax and go fishing. Watch clouds go by and make big, big plans. So while you're on Earth, do these things and you will be...AWESOME!" In Nancy Carlson's personal autograph to you she wrote -- To Jenna! Go For It! :) Follow her advice, honey, and make life fun for you. I love you and believe in you and am very proud of you. Best wishes for a happy life. :)
Love.....to the moon and back!

Mom



Laura Sullivan

Laura,
You were always a happy, secure and confident child. These are the qualities that we will remember about you most fondly. And these basic parts of your personality will be especially valuable to you as a young adult and college student. We know that you will be successful in whatever you do as long as you trust in yourself and have fun. We are proud of the person you have grown up to be and we love you dearly.



Mom, Dad and Kevin

Mason Viera



To our May son... our little me-me-totin' ghostbuster... graduating on you 18th birthday. From the amazing moment when you made us a family, through the years of your delightful boyhood, and to this day when you continue opening new doors, you've given us more laughter, joy, wonder and pride than we could ask for. Surely you know how very much we love you. It's a very big scheme of things out there. Strive to be honest with yourself and you'll never lose your way. Aim for excellence, question everything and be obedient only to your own best self. Draw on the abundant power of love to find strength. Be patient with yourself. Your

errors are less important than they seem to you. Treat others...aw, you know! Remember, too, that this is not a dress rehearsal: pursue your happiness with every nerve and every second, and may the music, intelligence, persistence, creativity, humor, tolerance and passion-for-justice you bring to your world ever increase the good to be found here.

Congratulations, Mason.

With skies full of love and buckets of pride, Mom and Dad

Sr. Ads



Jason Ward

Jason,
We are very proud of the man you have become! May you have a very rich and fulfilled life ahead of you. Remember to stay strong and always give 100% in everything you do. We wish you nothing but the best!

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa*



Kelsey Van Essen

Dear Kelsey Grace,

You came to us through God's grace 18 years ago! You are the love for which you are named. You surprised us at your arrival and you surprise and bless us yet! You dance with delight to your own tune.



Keep that love in your heart and in all that you say and do. May you always dance in God's Grace.

Love and blessings,

Mom, Dad, Jordan, Roscoe Man and Marley Man



JoAnn Van Vleet

She has Grown up!

We are proud of you and your accomplishments.

Follow God's guidance toward a beautiful future!

*We love you,
Mom and Dad*



Abbi Wiemers

Abbi:

We are so proud of you. As you end this journey in your life and begin a new one, we pray that God will guide you as you go. Follow your heart, reach for the stars and never lose sight of your dreams.

*We love you,
Mom, Dad, Martha & Mary Claire*



Phil Wong

Phil,
As you prepare to graduate from high school, go onto college and begin your adult life, our thoughts and prayers go with you. There are many adventures and challenges for you to face and overcome in the years ahead. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6

*We love you,
Dad, Mom & Liz*



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Automobiles

"I have an older car so it only goes 85 miles per hour. One time, on my way to Pella, I swear that I hit 86 miles per hour."

~Jusin Young '04

Beverages

"This year I think the new Gatorade Propel® was a big deal. It was popular at lunch and it seemed like I saw absolutely everyone drinking it at school. I guess flavored water is really exciting to some people."

~Ashley Celtjenbruns, '05



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"A few big movies that came out this year were X-Men, The Lizzie McGuire Movie, and The Matrix Reloaded. I thought X-Men was pretty cool, but the Lizzie McGuire movie was definitely worse than the actual TV show."

~Daniel Gilesby, '05

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Drugs

"I think Johnston has a big drug problem, but there's not much anyone has been able to do about it. Also, it seems to have gotten worse in high school. I think it is just going to be a lost cause."

~Hunter Watkins, '06

Electronics

"By the time you receive a new computer, they are already out dated."

~Chris Jameson, '04

Footware

"One of my friends (sophomore Sara Embrey) is obsessed with shoes. She walks into every store and buys all the shoes to match her outfits."

~Jenna Jewell, '05

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Golf

"I love golfing with my friends, except for we can't golf so we only go to Par 3 and always triple bogey."

~Eric Dreibelbeis, '06

Hair

"This year I think the trend was highlighted or lowlighted hair, not a style with only one plain color. For guys was all different. I saw short and clean cuts to long and shaggy ones."

~Lauren Butterwick, '05

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Internet

"I believe the internet has a dual-nature. It builds and destroys. Some commonly use the internet and communication. However, people often misuse the internet by viewing pornography and sending hate messages."

~Laura Stoeker, '04

Jewelry

"Frost yourself. I love to frost myself with jewelry."

~Chandra Binnie, '06

Ketchup

"I understood that the condiments were messy and causing problems, but taking them away didn't really seem to solve anything. People just ended up bringing their own ketchup bottles from home and leaving them in their lockers."

~Kayla Flanigan, '04

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Looking

"I went to the University of Kansas and I was lost the whole time so I don't think I'm going to go there."

~Billy Koch, '04

Music

"I went to the Dixie Chicks concert in May and had the time of my life. I thought it was funny how they cracked jokes about the Bush situation."

~Rachel Thomas, '04

Naval

"I like them and I think that they look cute on all of my friends. I went with them when they got their piercings and they flinched during it."

~Meredith Evans, '03

Opposite Sex

"I don't have much luck with girls, this year especially. They don't seem to like me. I act different and I guess they see that as weird."

~Mark Smart, '05

Phone

"I was going to sneak out one night, but the guy that was going to pick me up called my house and woke up my parents. My parents knew something was up, so I couldn't go out."

~Afton Simpson, '05

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Quitting

"I tried to quit Culvers, but they convinced me to stay another month. When I did quit, they gave me a free meal. When I go in they still give me discounts, because they think I still work there."

~Kathryn Amendt, '04

Restaurant

"Ohana's Steak house is a good restaurant. For prom, my group went there and was awesome. They set the food right in front of you which is fun."

~Jonathan Copeland, '03

Skateboarding

"Skateboarding is a growing fad in the grades below me. It has become somewhat of a trendy style I think."

~Nathan Imes, '05

Tanning

"Tanning was really popular and a lot of girls started tanning for dances. That way in they would look better in their dresses and their pictures. Even guys started tanning, too."

~Tiffany Lewis, '05

Urbandale

"What is a j-hawk anyway? Can't dragons roast them for dinner? That's next years menu."

~Xian Zhang, '06

Vacations

"My family and I went camping in Texas on spring break and the campground was closed, so we had to sleep in a Wal-mart® parking lot."

~Emily Vander Ploeg, '06

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Weekends

"I usually hang out with my freinds, play pool or go bowling."

~Stephany Neison, '03

X-rays

"I broke both my arms this year, and when they took x-rays the doctors had to twist them into a certain shape. When they didn't get the right shape they had to twist my arms around again, and it kind of hurt."

~Alec Beck-Cross, '06

Year's end

"I always look forward to the beach and no school. I also like to camp with friends."

~Britt Ustrud, '04

Zoom... speeding tickets

"I thought that I was getting away, but then he pointed his finger at me to pull over."

~Toni Chrisman, '04



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And so it was that the students of Johnston High School came to know the true identity of Jeff Johnson. Although shocked that the dragon could pose as a normal student, Jeff had already won himself a place in all of their hearts.

Meanwhile, America was more concerned with other things. George W. Bush, America's leader, had led them into a war with Iraq. The student body was sharply divided between opposing viewpoints on the war. Those who opposed American action in the war took to the streets in protest or voiced their opinion to all of those who would listen. Those who were in favor of it attempted to pacify the activists while longing and hoping for a better future.

Adding to this turbulence was the startling revelation that the well-respected president of DMACC was, allegedly, hoarding drugs. Marijuana was found in the home of David England, and his son, junior Charles England, was also arrested for possession of marijuana.

In the face of all of this chaos the students had to come up with something to take their minds off of the pressing events of the world. To escape the scary realities of war and crime they turned to fantasy. Theaters were filled with feel-good films about superheroes and adventure such as *The Incredible Hulk*®, *Daredevil*®, the *X-Men*® and the *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*®. Students gathered to watch *Smallville*®, a tale of a teenage Superman, whose trials as a high school student and even as a superhero can be related to by all.

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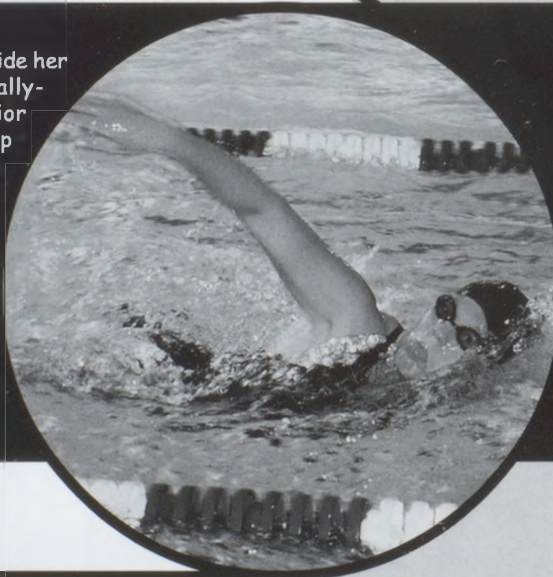
Attempting to prove that dragons do, indeed, have game, junior Matthew Stange parades around as JD, the mascot, in the dragon costume. Stange played the part of the dragon all throughout his high school career.
photo by Tyler Swett



Play director Paul Miller applies his supple touch and theatrical sensibilities in helping freshman Lia Yoon with her make-up for the fall play, *The Glass Menagerie*. This was Yoon's dramatic debut on the high school stage, as well as Miller's first venture as play director.
photo by Tyler Swett

The End.

Using her tongue to guide her through the chemically-treated waters, junior Allie Mackey takes a dip during an intermission at the Urbandale Invitational. Also fond of swimming is Aquaman, the Lord of the Seas, and member of the Justice League of America. photo by Tyler Swett







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Colophon:

"Limited Edition" was the 56th edition of *The Dragon*. Books cost \$36 at the cheapest amount, or \$41 with a cool black nameplate. As a whole, both classes collected a total of \$9,096 worth of ads. Michelle M. who was in charge of ad sales, designed the ads. All of the design work was done in Adobe PageMaker 6.5 on seven iMacs, one iBook, the G3, the brand new eMac and eight dormant computers that had only one purpose, to be used as statues. All of our printing duties were done on our Laser Writer 8500. After our pages were perfect and checked off through editors galore, and packaged neatly by Dave on a compact disk, they were sent off to Herff Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, 66201, where the book was birthed. All of the photographs were taken by our Minolta and Nikon cameras, and sometimes by our Canon Power Shot G2 digital one too. When we needed to touch up some photos or needed to use the digital photos from our digital camera we used Photoshop 6.5. Many of the photos on the pages were taken by "Chutney" Putney, because he is the "best" after all. Some people used clip art on their pages if they were creatively challenged, and needed a space to fill. The clip-art discs used were the Art Explosion series. After people put down their cameras and unleashed the beastly film, it was rushed to Hy-Vee, the local Johnston grocery store. The cover was designed by David Smith a professional artist from the Herff Jones studio. The original cover was designed by Aaron H. himself. After all the hard work that the two classes combined did, we ordered our 975 books. When ever we needed a little professional advice we called up our "yearbook guy," Marc Haven, who frequently brought us sweets. Last year's book got the Gold Medalist rating from the CSPA and it also got the 9th consecutive All-American rating from the NSPA. The last reward it got was 2nd place in the IHSPA conference. That is the end.

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